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## WEEKENDWEATHER

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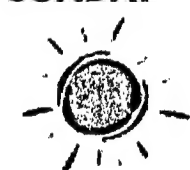
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### SATURDAY



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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Annex.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
The third Tuesday of every month a cancer support group is held at Laura Street Baptist Church. Call 582-8874 for more information.

**FRIDAY**  
Preregistration and orientation for transfer students

On the Go with Public Radio Tour  
"Rome and Florence Holiday"

**SATURDAY**  
GRE Subject tests, 8 a.m., Valk

Football NCAA-Playoffs  
Quarterfinals, 12 p.m.  
Bearcat Stadium

Newman Center Pancake Study  
Break, 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Northwest Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Aleta Hubbard, wife of Northwest President Dean Hubbard, will open the Gaunt House to all women on faculty and staff to thank them for their service to the University. The open house take place from 2 to 4 p.m.

Basic Speech Contest, 7 p.m., Union Ballroom

**HEARTLAND VIEW**  
The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at [Heartlandview.com](http://Heartlandview.com)

**KNWT CHANNEL 8  
PROGRAMMING  
SCHEDULE**  
Monday-Thursday  
7 p.m. Etc.  
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest  
8 p.m. Bearcat Update  
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

Visit the web for:

To view a slideshow from various recent men's and women's basketball games.

A full Bearcat quarterfinal wrap-up after Saturday's game against Chadron State.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

# Dunham 'argues with self'

Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

A purple creature from an unmarked island, an elderly party-pooper and a talking jalapeno on a stick come to life through the voice of one man.

Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham will perform his "On a Stick" act 8 p.m., Dec. 5, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Be sure to leave your brain at the door, because there is definitely no social redeeming qualities in the act whatsoever," Dunham said.

Through the efforts of Student Activities Council, Dunham will visit a college audience who he feels is most receptive to his material.

"Students from across the campus have created a positive buzz about him and I'm expect-

ing a great show," said Sean Gunderson, SAC entertainment chairperson.

After falling in love with a dummy in the toy store window as a child, Dunham had no other aspirations to do anything else but ventriloquism.

Dunham bases his material on the comedy that is derived from everyday life while making room for ad-libs on stage.

"Comedy draws on your own life. I try to take what I've learned and mold it into something for onstage," Dunham said.

Peanut, the purple creature from the Micro-nesian islands, is the only character Dunham set out to make a success on as his comedic sidekick. Walter, the cranky old man, was developed accidentally through a group of grumpy men Dunham had met while in college, while Jose

Jalapeno was only meant to last a few minutes one act but caught on.

"I've traveled several places and the people don't come for me, they come for the characters," Dunham said.

Dunham has appeared on several shows including the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno and the "Late Show" with David Letterman. However, he claims his landmark achievement is his Comedy Central special "Arguing with Myself" and DVD release.

"If you're in every Wal-Mart in America, there's something to be said about that," Dunham said.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students with a Bearcat card and \$10 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at Student Services Center or by calling 562-1212.



VENTRILOQUIST JEFF DUNHAM will perform 8 p.m., Dec. 5, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. His puppets include a purple creature named Peanut, a grumpy old man named Walter and Jose the Jalapeno.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

# CAT SCRATCH FEVER

The famous Broadway show  
claws its way to campus

Andrea James  
Missourian Reporter

The musical "Cats" brought nearly 1,000 people to Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday.

"Cats" is based on "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," by T.S. Eliot. Andrew Lloyd Webber and director Trevor Nunn set the collection of poems to music in 1977, according to [Reallyuseful.com](http://Reallyuseful.com), the official Web site of "Cats" and other Webber productions.

Gilford, Mo., resident Julie Farnan has always wanted to see "Cats." She liked what she saw and was very satisfied with the performance.

"I loved the character Grizabella. Her singing was so beautiful," Farnan said.

Diane Hicks from Tarkio, Mo., also enjoyed the musical. She liked the way the characters were so involved in the performance.

"I thought it was amazing. It was so intriguing. It really didn't seem like the first half was an hour long," Hicks said.

"Cats" opened Oct. 7, 1982, on Broadway in New York City at the Winter Garden Theatre. During its run on Broadway, the musical won several awards that include

seven Tony awards in 1983 and awards from France, Canada and Japan. "Cats" became the longest running musical on Broadway on June 19, 1997, and closed Sept. 10, 2000, according to the "Cats" Web site.

The musical is about the Jellicle Cats and their way of life. Once a year the cats wait for the Jellicle ball, where the head cat picks someone to be reborn.

Production stage manager Kelly Biscopink believes the production went well.

"There was a really fun audience here. They responded well to everything," Biscopink said.

Biscopink joined the staff of "Cats" about a month ago. Her job is to make sure the show stays consistent from night to night. She also works with the cast and helps manage them.

"When you're on tour you are pretty much living with your co-workers. You have to learn to become friends and family," Biscopink said.

The "Cats" tour ends July 1, 2007. Their next scheduled performance is in Mason City, Iowa.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

# Faculty use student surveys to improve teaching methods

By Evan Young  
University Editor

At some point before the fall trimester comes to a close, Northwest students will put pencil to Scantron in each of their classes—though this time, they aren't the ones being tested.

Every trimester, the University gives students the opportunity to evaluate all their teachers and courses through the use of confidential, customized surveys.

The primary purpose of the surveys is to provide faculty and their departments with student input, so both groups can determine if and to what extent they need to change their teaching strategies or curriculums.

Once the results are processed, there are a few ways faculty and Northwest as a whole can use them, said Dave

Oehler, office of assessment, information and analysis director and interim chair of the communication, theatre and languages department.

First, when faculty members apply for tenure and/or promotion, they are required to submit survey results from the previous two years, Oehler said.

As soon as instructors receive feedback, they can also meet with department chairs to discuss any results they find concerning or simply don't understand. Oehler said most problems are solved between the instructor and the department chair, and rarely involve consulting the college dean or University provost.

"Faculty are the first to see the results, though they don't

## How Northwest uses results from students' faculty evaluations

When they apply for tenure and/or promotion, faculty members are required to submit student survey results from the previous two years.

Department chairs discuss areas of interest with faculty members. Sometimes, they will conduct surveys with students to get more information on teaching methods.

Faculty can use the data to improve their teaching and/or to make long-term trends in student

see **FACULTY** on A6

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

# Diagnosis sparks concern

Health care providers ease unrest, fears

Kristin Summers  
Chief Reporter

A case of tuberculosis earlier this month sparked concern over the disease within the Northwest and Maryville communities.

However, local medical providers assure residents there is no need for panic.

A Northwest student diagnosed with TB is under medical care and will not be returning to campus or the community until the TB is considered noninfectious, according to Kathy Lipiec, communicable disease coordinator and registered nurse at the Nodaway County Health Department.

Due to medical confidentiality laws any information regarding the student's identity cannot be released.

TB is a disease caused by a bacteria that can affect any part of the body but usually attacks the lungs causing flu-like symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One reason TB isn't a major concern is because although TB spreads by direct contact, exposure does not guarantee infection, said Virginia Murr University director of wellness and assistant director of health.

Though TB is often hard to contact, people who have TB are isolated from work or school to prevent the disease from spreading further and the disease cannot be contracted like other infectious diseases, Lipiec said.

"You're not going to get it off a door handle," she said.

Another reason residents shouldn't worry excessively is the disease is very uncommon, Murr said. Though TB exists at a global level, U.S. medical advancements keeps contraction rates low.

Also, Murr and Lipiec said they did not know of any recent cases of TB in the area

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Yuletide Feast opens holiday season with festivities

Tickets are on sale now for Northwest's 33rd Annual Yuletide Feast, a Renaissance-themed holiday celebration featuring more than 60 musicians, singers and actors.

This year's Feast takes place at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8, and Dec. 9, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. The estimated cost is primarily composed of Northwest music students and faculty. In addition to authentic Renaissance cuisine, the event will include performances by the Northwest Madraliers, the Recorder Consort and the Royale Brass Quintet.

The ballroom will be transformed into a royal banquet hall complete with banners, canopies, a grand entryway and candelabras. Members of the Northwest Madraliers will greet guests with carols and other traditional music.

The Feast is open to both the University community and general public. Tickets cost \$27.50 per person and can be purchased at the music/art office on the first floor of the Olive Dulce Fine Arts Building. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at 562-1315 using a University account, Aladdin account, MasterCard or VISA.

The Yuletide Feast is hosted by Northwest's Department of Music.

## Winter commencement to take place Dec. 15

Northwest's winter commencement will take place at 1 p.m., Dec. 15, in Bearcat Arena. Doors open at noon. Guests do not need tickets to attend, and a reception for graduates, families and guests will follow in the basement area beneath the arena.

This year's commencement speaker is Sang-joo Lee of Seoul, South Korea. Currently publisher of the monthly magazine "Local Autonomy," Lee served as president of Sungshin Women's University from 2003 to 2006.

He is also the former deputy prime minister and minister of Korea's Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development and, from 2001 to 2002, served as chief of staff to the South Korean president.

Graduating students can pick up their caps and gowns, along with commencement instruction packets, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 11, through Dec. 14, and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Dec. 15, at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

For more information about commencement, call Gina Bradley, commencement coordinator, Office of University Relations at (660) 562-1143.

## Spots still available for 'Tourin' Bearcats' Scotland trip

Spots are currently available for Northwest's "Tourin' Bearcats" travel program's upcoming trip to Scotland.

Open to the public, the tour runs Aug. 1-9, 2007. Cost is \$2,498 per person, based on double occupancy and includes airfare, lodging and several meals.

Those wishing to participate in the trip should make reservations as soon as possible. A \$400 deposit is required, and final payment must be submitted by May 18, 2007.

Checks should be made out to Cotter Travel and mailed to Northwest Missouri State University, Alumni House, 800 University Drive, Maryville, 64468. Additional trip details are available at [Nwmissouri.edu/alumni](http://Nwmissouri.edu/alumni).

For more information about the "Tourin' Bearcats" trip to Scotland, call the Office of University Advancement at 562-1248 or e-mail [alumni@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:alumni@nwmissouri.edu).

## Foundation appoints 6 members

Jessica Schmidt  
Managing Editor

The Northwest Foundation recently welcomed several new faces as its fundraising heads into the holiday season.

Six new members were appointed to the Northwest Foundation Inc. Board of Directors. New members include: Mark Doll, Jason Garst, E. Ray Hische, Holly Murphy-Barstow, William Pries and Jim Redd.

Established in 1971, the private not-for-profit corporation works with the University Advancement office to manage resources given by donors to the foundation that eventually go to the University.

The foundation recently finished its first capital campaign raising \$43,534,221, much of which will go to fund scholarships.

With an ever-increasing demand for private support to help state universities, foundation President Jim Blackford said earlier this fall they are looking to move away from "general, broad-brushed" campaigns and focus on a "college-unit" based system.

The Office of University Advancement also works to collect donations from faculty, staff, alumni and others throughout the year. One way the office is fundraising is through the annual Holiday Card Program.

Mark Stewart, development officer with University Advancement, said the program has been going for well over 30 years.

"It was essentially a way to get the faculty and staff on campus and retired faculty and staff involved in giving back to the University by soliciting gifts individually unrestricted," Stewart said. "Those donors can have their names or family names placed in the Holiday Card, the Happy Holiday card we send out to everybody."

During the Campaign for Northwest 83 percent of faculty and staff participated to raise \$7,705. The money funds scholarships, internships, updates classrooms technologies and labs, and much more.

Faculty and staff interested in donating can contact the University Advancement office at 562-1248. To have a name in the card, donations must be received by Friday.

## Mark Doll

1980 Northwest graduate  
President and CEO of Doll  
Distribution Inc.  
Lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## Jason Garst

1993 Northwest graduate  
A family farmer and business-  
man.  
Lives in Watson, Mo.

## E. Ray Hische

1966 Northwest graduate  
President of iThechnologies.  
Lives in The Woodlands,  
Texas.

Holly Murphy-Barstow  
1981 Northwest graduate  
President of Barstow and Co.  
and an independent financial  
adviser with Securities  
America.  
Lives in Omaha, Neb.

William Price  
1960 Northwest graduate  
Currently chairman and  
CEO of Empower Media-  
Marketing.  
Lives in Cincinnati.

Jim Redd  
1966 Northwest graduate  
Athletic director and physical  
education chairman at Wil-  
liam Jewell College.  
Formerly, a Northwest coach  
and athletic director.  
Lives in Leawood, Kan.



TOWER CHOIR director Stephen Town recently invited Horace Mann's Bearcat Choir to sing at a concert with them. The entire budget for Bearcat Choir comes from students raising money through such things as spaghetti dinners.

## Bearcat Choir sings aside Tower

Jenna Karel  
Missourian Reporter

The rows of little blue chairs are empty now, and the room is eerily silent. Moments ago the sound of small voices filled it and echoed down the sterile cream corridor towards the stairs.

When school is over, the Bearcat Choir floods into the room. Over the excited chatter, a voice calls, "sit in your parts," and once again, the little blue chairs are filled.

The Horace Mann Bearcat Choir is in its second year of existence, but it has already received the honor and recognition of a much older group. Choir director Vanessa Parsons could not be more proud of the success of her students.

The Bearcat Choir has been asked to sing at numerous community events in its short existence, and Parsons takes this as a sign of their success.

A chord sounds. The chatter stops and the room is flooded with voices that sound much bigger than the third through sixth graders that they are.

Parsons takes command and 45 pairs of eyes are fixed on her as she gives directions. A clip board shuffles around as each student initials by his or her name: pass, initial, pass on.

Even as they begin to warm up, there is still a buzz of excitement in the air.

Two by two they go back to have their vests fitted in preparation for the upcoming concert with the Tower Choir.

Asking choirs to appear as guests with Tower Choir is something that Stephen Town, director of Tower Choir, has been doing for the last three years.

"I wanted to expand the Guest Choral Ensemble Series) to include children and...I thought that would be a good place to start with our own laboratory school," Town said.

Continuing his Guest Ensemble Series was not the only reason Town chose to invite the Bearcat Choir to join Tower Choir.

With more music majors choosing to teach elementary rather than secondary music, Town thought this would be a good opportunity for his students to see what it was like to work with children. Town also wanted to provide the Bearcat Choir with a unique opportunity.

"I like the idea of having children sing with University students so (the children) can see 'Oh, we can continue to sing after we leave Horace Mann...' What we want them to realize is that they can sing the rest of their lives," Town said.

Horace Mann students love to sing but performing is not of the members' favorite aspect.

"Being able to perform with everyone watching

you and being up there with your friends just makes you feel really good," choir member Dakota Owsley said.

Parsons is also excited for her students to spend time learning from older choirs. Being around the Tower students has already had a profound effect on her students, Parsons said.

"When we went over and rehearsed with (the Tower Choir), the kids were just in awe of their voices," she said.

Hearing and rehearsing with the Tower Choir gave students an opportunity to see another side of performance, and to hear what their voices could sound like if they continue to sing, Parsons said.

Although singing with Tower Choir is exciting for her students, it is also an opportunity for Parsons, who sang with Tower from 1994 to 1998, to reconnect to her roots.

She is very excited to work with Town again. "It's surreal. It's really exciting to be standing next to him and conducting. I never even would have thought that I would be in this situation...It's a little bit like coming home," she said.

Horace Mann faculty also recognize the excellence of the choir, according to Principal Rebecca Belcher.

"They sing very well," she said. "They are incredibly talented for their age. It is amazing."

The talent of the group is only the beginning of their success.

Their entire budget comes through fundraising done by the students.

They receive no money from the school to purchase their music, vests or supplies, Belcher said.

Spaghetti dinners put on by the choir have provided more than enough money to keep the choir going.

At the dinners, students in the choir serve refreshments and make sure that the guests have everything that they need said Owsley.

Although relatively new, the choir has participated in many events in its short existence.

Besides singing with Tower Choir, they also had the opportunity to provide entertainment for the Centennial Education Conference banquet last year.

While having her students earn the recognition that they deserve has always been part of Parsons goal, she really wants her students keep learning and growing as performers.

She never misses an opportunity to teach them about singing.

"This is a huge teaching moment for me to have that one-on-one chance with those kids...so that when they do go on to the middle school and to the high school that they are able to continue what we have started," Parsons said.



Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

It is difficult to find the words to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses you have shown us during this sad time. We are so grateful for all you have done for us in recent weeks. The cards, letters, phone and e-mail messages, prayers, and visits meant a great deal to us as we struggled with our heartbreaking loss. Along with the emotional support you gave us, the other gifts of your time and energy helped sustain us day to day. From the time of Clint's accident, throughout his passing and beyond, please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness have touched us deeply. Knowing that we were not alone has helped, and continues to help us, bear our grief and sadness. Thank you for being there for us. Although Clint is no longer with us, please know that our family will always be proud of his years as a student of Northwest Missouri State University and that we will strongly support the quality of academics and student life that it offers. Our family looks forward to the ringing of the bell in remembrance of Clint in the near future, yet another way to continue his legacy and demonstrate his proud affiliation with the University. We hope that you will join us for this special occasion. In remembrance of Clint, it is our prayer that you continue his legacy in living by these words: Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES...to the ends of the earth."

Allen Johnson, Jenny Johnson  
Andrea and Maria Johnson

## Football fan tackles leukemia

Whitney Keyes  
Missourian Reporter

There's something different about Northwest quarterback Josh Mathews when he steps onto the field—his bright blue SuperBarr shirt underneath his jersey. Underneath that green 17 he wears his support for one of the Bearcat fans—13-year-old Spencer Barr.

Barr, son of agricultural instructor Rod Barr, has battled his way through leukemia this year after a March 15 diagnosis. The Barr family spent many months traveling back and forth from Maryville to Memphis, Tenn., where Spencer received treatment at the St. Jude Research Hospital. Now after eight months, Spencer is leukemia-free, back home and cheering for both the Maryville Spoofhounds and Northwest Bearcats.

"I wear the shirt so he knows we're pulling for him, and keeping him in our prayers," Mathews said.

Spencer tries to catch as many Bearcat games as possible. Due to his weakened immune system, which prevents him from being able to be in large crowds, he must stay on the sidelines.

But that does not stop him. Another team he cheers for is the Maryville Spoofhounds, who his older brother, Chayse, plays for. Spencer will also be at the 2008 Super Bowl, thanks to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

This love for sports carries into the Barr family motto for Spencer—"Fight Hard". This refers to the "go and get it" outlook the Barrs took when hearing the news that Spencer had leukemia.

Within 12 hours of diagnosis, doctors were drawing blood at St. Jude's.

The next months were spent doing tests and chemotherapy. For Spencer, chemo-

therapy was slightly different, because he has biophenotypic leukemia, which is a combination of the two different types of leukemia.

Due to his rare form of cancer, and the random assigning of chemotherapy dosage, Spencer was taking the doses twice as fast as most patients do. Twelve-day treatments were transformed into six.

"The worst part of this whole thing was either the first time I had chemo or radiation. And also when my tongue swelled up," Spencer said.

Besides chemotherapy, Spencer also received a bone marrow transplant from his brother, who was a perfect match.

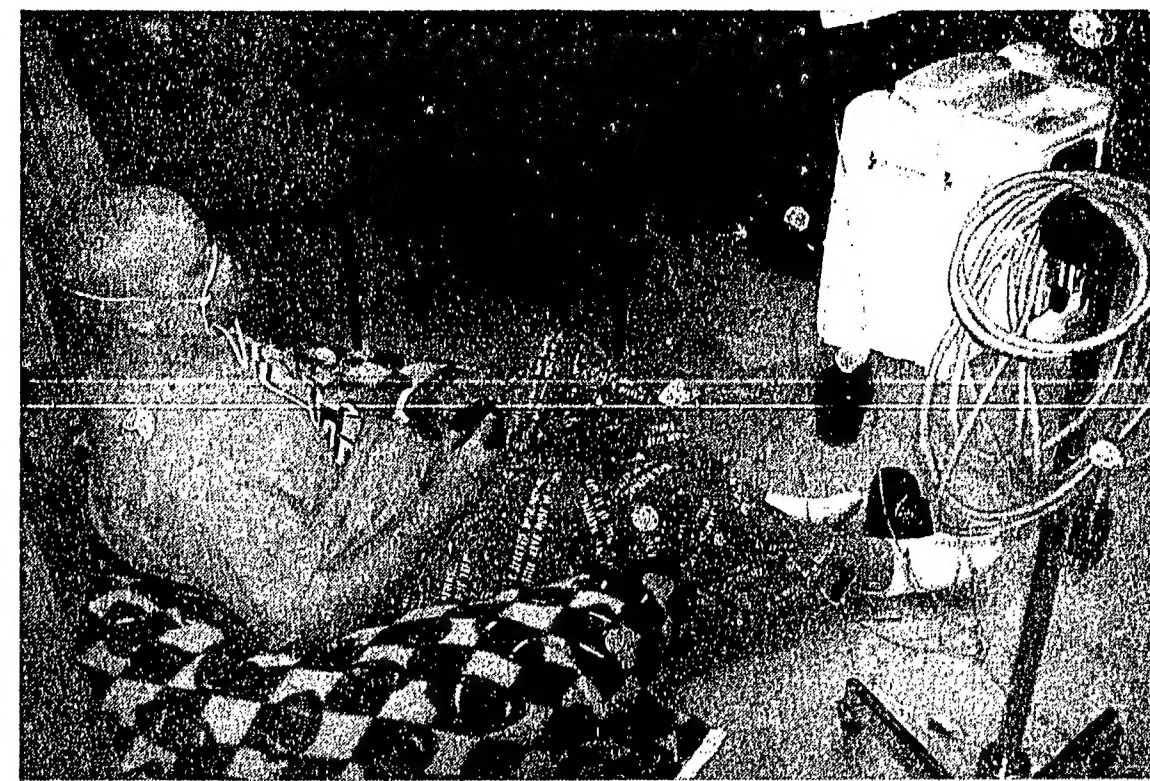
There is only a 25 percent chance that siblings will match so well, so the Barrs are especially thankful. According to his mother, Cathy, the oldest son was chemo, donated on a Friday, and was back lifting weights for the Spoofhounds on Monday.

However, the Barr parents say that Spencer has been positive throughout the ordeal. His hospital stay was also occupied with playing with the PlayStation 2, or watching movies, and of course, football.

He said he wasn't ever scared that he would die from his leukemia, and that attitude helped the Barr family make it through the rough months.

Mathews, who has just gotten to know Spencer better in the last year, said he was an "unbelievable kid, and really had a positive attitude."

Rod also commented on his son's posi-



SPENCER BARR is in remission from leukemia. Barr spends much of his time supporting the Northwest Bearcats and has grown especially close to quarterback Josh Mathews.

tive attitude, saying that he had only seen Spencer upset for minimal time throughout the ordeal. After telling their son he had leukemia, the Barrs said he was upset for 10 minutes at most—but since then his "Fight Hard" attitude has prevailed.

His positive attitude is perhaps the reason why Barr is so ahead of schedule. After his transplant,

Barr was told he was allowed to leave home on day 100. Instead, he came home on day 84.

"He could will his fever down. It'd be up, and he'd say 'Give me five minutes,

Mom,' and it would go down," Cathy said.

Barr is hoping to be back in school for the last quarter of his eighth grade year. He will for sure be enrolling as a freshman at Maryville High School in fall 2007. Right now he is studying with an at-home tutor, and working with a personal trainer at the Maryville Community Center. And of course, he is tracking the Bearcat football progress.

"We just hope he keeps fighting, and hopefully we can get him a championship this year," Mathews said.

## Online magazine provides travel ideas

By Matthew Elliott  
Missourian Reporter

The heartland is filled with home cooked meals and great getaway spots. Some expensive and some not, but all are accessible.

Heartland View is a good way to take a peak at the spirit and style of the Midwest. Kari Rule, Heartland View editor said.

Heartland View is an online travel and leisure magazine that includes travel, review and feature writing involving the four-state area within a 100-mile radius of Maryville.

The Web site is updated with a new story in each section every two weeks and some weeks multiple stories will be posted in a section, Rule said.

The magazine was started in 1992 because many students were getting magazine internships but had no magazine experience, according to Laura Widmer, director of Student Publications at Northwest.

The first issue of Heartland View was printed in the Spring/Summer of 1992. Widmer says that the magazine was in print until 2001 when it was transformed into an online magazine due to loss of funding from the University.

Since 2001, Heartland View has been exclusively on the Internet. The current web address for the magazine is [Heartlandview.com](http://Heartlandview.com).

Heartland View's homepage includes parts of all stories in the issue as well as links to each full story. The most recent issue also includes a photo montage and a recipe for pigs in a blanket.

The online version of Heartland View was pretty much the same until this year, with the hiring of Rule and managing editor Brittany Zegers, according to Widmer.

"Kari and Brittany really launched a new magazine with more interactivity and we're very excited about it," Widmer said.

The target audience before 2001 was older families looking for a place to travel, but since going online in 2001 the target audience has shifted to younger adults between the ages of 18 and 34, Rule said.

Those younger people and families looking for inexpensive vacations or travel ideas can use Heartland View. Rule said the target audience was changed due to the fact that younger people access the Internet more often.

Reviews of restaurants, such as Bordaux's, Louisiana Scudwood and Steak's in St. Joseph are also included in Heartland View. The magazine also has a special section for kids that included the Omaha Children's Museum in the most recent issue.

Another recent article described an easy and effective way to travel long distances safely and without trouble. The article included everything from a list of supplies to suggestions on games to bring to keep the children occupied.

"I'm just proud that it's actually off the ground and doing something," Rule said.



CAIN CEMETERY is one of three local cemeteries historian Mandi Brown has helped preserve in Nodaway County. In total she has spent 20 years restoring cemeteries nationally.

## Maryville woman helps restore past

Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

She scours for stories that can no longer be told.

In total she has spent 4,318 hours since July 2003 restoring one local cemetery.

For the past 20 years, Mandi Brown, genealogist, historian and preservationist, has restored forgotten cemeteries across the United States. Locally, she has worked in the Morgan-Bell Grove, Pioneer and Cain cemeteries.

As a child, Brown lived with her grandmother who taught her the importance of caring about the past. She also learned cemeteries aren't scary places, instead they are for visiting with and remembering relatives.

"It's something I do; it's in my blood," Brown said. "I feel like I'm cheating if I don't go out there every day...You don't understand the community that you live in until you understand the past," Brown said.

Brown earned her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Utah, and received her master's in history from Northwest. Brown is also a Vietnam era veteran.

Volunteers help her with labor, but most of the cost comes from her pocket. The University's volunteer office supplies help at different times throughout the year.

Northwest works with Brown at least twice a year said Amy Nally, coordinator of volunteer programs and service learning said volunteers from.

Not only do volunteers remove debris and fallen trees, but they get a chance to learn about the people buried in the cemetery, Brown said.

"I teach as much as possible about the cemetery," Brown said. "So people learn an awful lot, not just coming out and moving things, but they have fun, too."

While restoring cemeteries, Brown takes information off the stones and matches it up with any record or document she can find to learn more about that person.

She then goes to Ancestry.com and puts the information in, and looks for relatives. Because of her efforts Brown has reached nearly 200 descendants of Cain Cemetery's deceased.

Sometimes those people send donations and it helps, but she said the biggest donation comes from volunteered hours, Brown said.

"It's just amazing to see how some people will come together and do stuff like this," she said. In order to start restoring a

cemetery a person needs to find out whose land it is on.

Even though the owner cannot ban anyone from going to the cemetery, if a person plans on restoring it they should tell the owner their intentions and get verbal permission out of courtesy, Brown said.

The next step is finding information in historical and genealogical records about the cemetery. Then a plan is made for the renovation whether it is the whole thing or just a section.

She said official records report around 189 people were buried in Cain Cemetery, but Brown has found over 600 graves.

A large number of those are unmarked, but she has made temporary white crosses made from pipes to mark them. Adults have a bigger crosses than children.

Anyone interested in learning more about genealogy or volunteering to help restore a cemetery Brown can be contacted at 660-582-5025 or email her at [brownm0911@yahoo.com](mailto:brownm0911@yahoo.com), and put cemetery in the subject line.

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## CITY BRIEFS

## Many to gather at 23rd Annual Conference

The Four-State Beef Conference for cattlemen is set to take place on Jan. 10 and 11 in Holton, Kan., at the Jackson County Fair Building.

Speakers scheduled to appear at the conference are Rick Rasby, University of Nebraska; Rob Kallenbach, University of Missouri; John Lawrence Iowa State University; and Larry Corah, Certified Angus Beef.

Registration is \$25 per person and reservations should be requested by Jan. 5.

## Nodaway County renovates downtown

County Economic Development and Campaign for Community Renewal have fully funded the Revolving Loan Fund to assist with the renovations of downtowns throughout Nodaway County.

The total amount available fund is \$125,000. Twenty-five thousand dollars is dedicated to renovating housing units in downtown areas.

## Historical Society brings a chocolate Christmas

The Chocolate Lovers Tasting party is returning to the Nodaway County Historical Museum at the Caleb Burns House.

Hours for the event are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3.

A \$2 donation covers both chocolate tasting and a tour of the home, built by Burns, before the area became a county.

## Dance club gives back to community

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## -OUR VIEW

# Generosity: A tradition to keep

Lines wrapped around entire department stores, rudeness and an overabundance of spending last weekend serve as deplorable reminders of what the holidays have become.

This time of year transformed into something we should be embarrassed of. Christmas should be about giving and being in the good company of friends and family.

Sometimes we even tell ourselves this year is going to be different; this is the year we are going to help our family return to the true meaning of the season. So we make a few homemade gifts and we donate to a charity of our choice, but undoubtedly when the next year rolls around, most of us again get caught up in spending and receiving.

This year, keep in mind that no matter how much money you don't have or what gift you can't find, things could always be worse. If you and your loved ones are in good health with a roof over your head and food to eat, things really aren't that bad.

There are some people in Maryville who have toilet paper on their Christmas list. That's right, toilet paper. Not the new PlayStation 3 or a leather coat. Some residents lack basic necessities that we take for granted daily.

Take this time to give back. Donate clothing and gift items to the Ministry Center. Drop off food items at America's Second Harvest in St. Joseph to ensure children don't endure Christmas with empty bellies. Adopt a Maryville family if you can, because it's not just children who aren't getting anything this holiday.

As for your family, tell them you love them. Make them something from the heart like a CD with a description of why each song is on there. Frame a nice picture of you and someone you love. Know a couple with children? Give them the gift of a night of free baby sitting so they can spend time with each other.

The best presents are usually the simplest. It doesn't take much to let someone know you care.

Sing holiday songs, sip eggnog and bask in the company of those around you. Give thanks for having what you need and keep in mind you don't always need what you want.

And next year make being grateful and generous two new holiday traditions you vow to keep.

## -LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Even after the vote, why can't we get past the rhetoric and have an honest debate about stem cell research? Mr. Fred Rohs' Nov. 16 letter to the editor is correct that a previous *Missourian* column in favor of Amendment 2 contained errors and dismissed opposition too casually. But Mr. Rohs too has issues with the facts. He asserts that "Amendment 2 (section 7) prohibits women using the research for harm from the harvesting of their eggs," and "sets ESCR above Missouri law allowing no regulation. You'd know that," he writes, "if you read the whole amendment."

But Section 7, which he cites, reads in its entirety:

The provisions of this section and of all state and local laws, regulations, rules, charters, ordinances, and other governmental actions shall be construed in favor of the conduct of stem cell research and the provision of stem cell therapies and cures. No state or local law, regulation, rule, charter, ordinance, or other governmental action shall (i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by this section to be conducted or provided, or (ii) create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research or therapies and cures.

There is no ban on lawsuits—not stated, not implied. Not in Section 7 or anywhere else. I suppose seeing a doctor for malpractice could be considered a "disincentive" to engage in research—the same way suing a drunk driver creates a disincentive for people

to drive, or arresting murderers creates a disincentive to own guns. But that's an enormous stretch and impossible to take seriously.

As for "allowing no regulation," Section 2, subsection 6 limits ESCR to persons who have:

(a) provided oversight responsibility and approval authority for such research to an embryonic stem cell research oversight committee whose membership includes representatives of the public and medical and scientific experts;

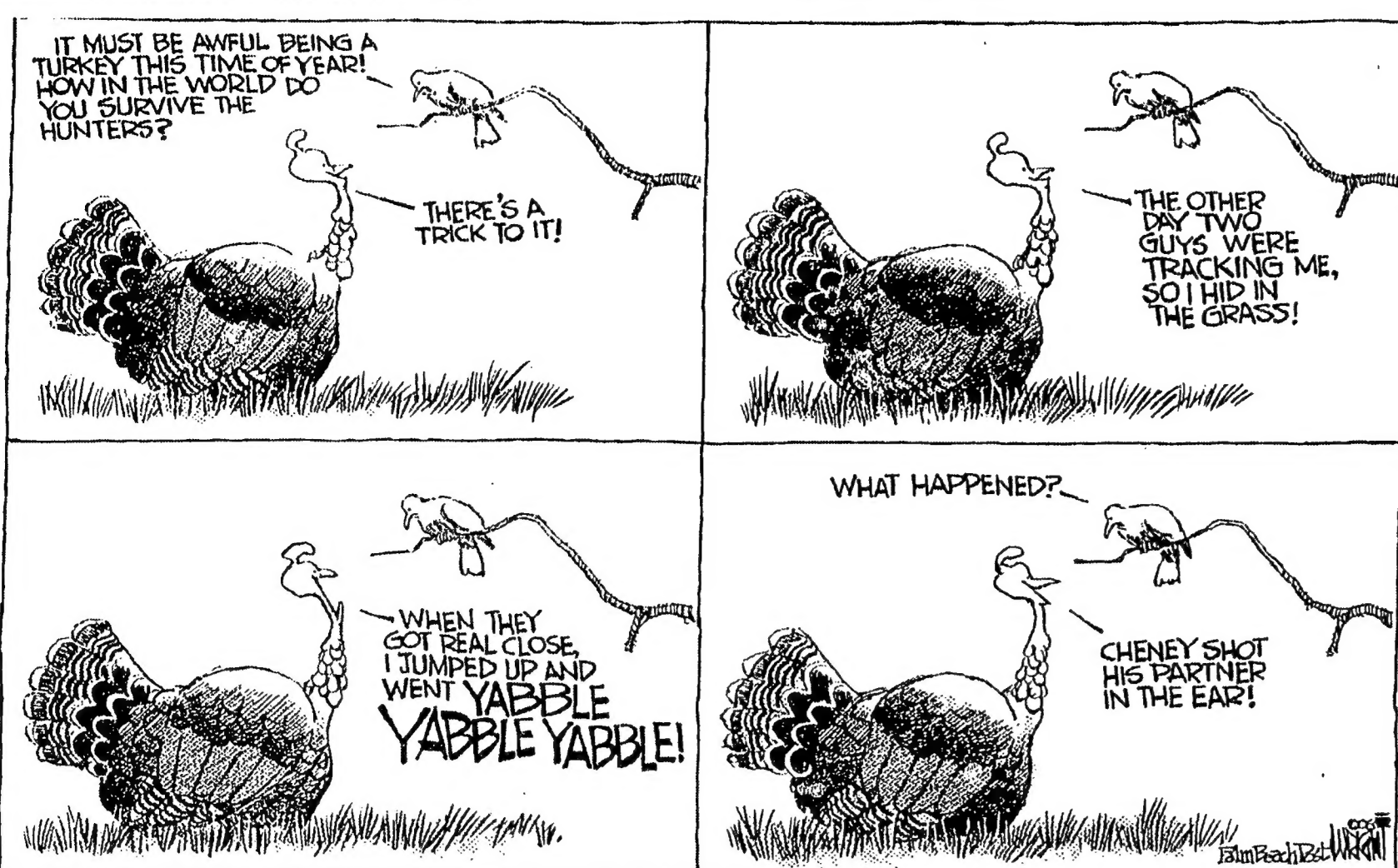
(b) adopted ethical standards for such research that comply with the requirements of this section; and

(c) obtained a determination from an Institutional Review Board that the research complies with all applicable federal statutes and regulations that the Institutional Review Board is responsible for administering.

Subsection 7 imposes criminal penalties, including up to 15 years in prison, for noncompliance. The amendment does prohibit new laws restricting or cutting off funds for ESCR, but "no regulation?" No other medical research in Missouri is so carefully regulated.

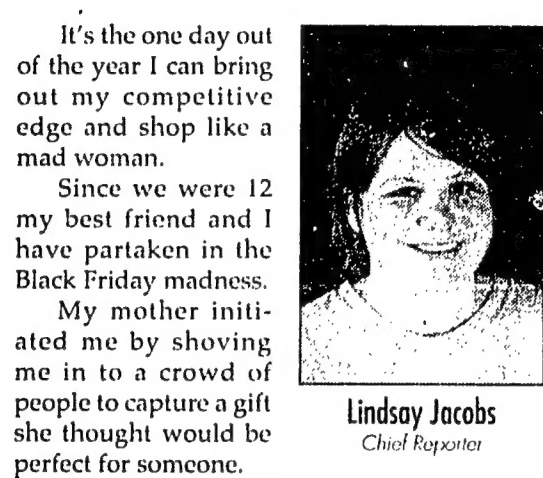
There are serious ethical issues surrounding Amendment 2, and I applaud Mr. Rohs for raising them. And, yes, the full text of Amendment 2 is complicated, which has led to confusion regarding its meaning. That's a fair criticism, but it's not license to make stuff up.

Daniel E. Smith,  
Assistant Professor of Political Science



## -COLUMN

## Black Friday favorite reporter holiday



Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

It's the one day of the year I can bring out my competitive edge and shop like a mad woman.

Since we were 12 my best friend and I have partaken in the Black Friday madness.

My mother initiated me by shoving me in to a crowd of people to capture a gift she thought would be perfect for someone.

I don't remember what it was or who it was for, but I remember the mission was accomplished.

Since then Black Friday remains one of my favorite days of the year and circled in bright red on the calendar.

I will be the first to admit it is hard coming out of a turkey-induced

coma at 3 a.m., but it is worth it. It's the one day of the year I can get some good deals, and ease my way in to that holiday spirit.

This year, after getting ready and stopping for some much needed coffee we were in line by 4:30 a.m. at a department store that was handing out free gift cards to the first 200 people.

We were 92 and 93

in line.

As the day progressed we found ourselves waiting in a 35 to 40 minute line to check out in one store. Our shopping had to be put on hold for a little bit because of traffic. It was the time of the morning where those who had to work were trying to get there, and shoppers were on

their way to hit the next big sale. Every year by 1 p.m. our tiredness catches up with us, and walking back to the car is almost unbearable, but on the way home we start planning for next year's Black Friday.

I can understand why people think I'm crazy for getting up so early on a day I could just as easily sleep in and avoid being caught amongst a huge crowd. The truth is, it is one of my favorite days of the year. I have always enjoyed shopping, but one could say this is the Super Bowl of shopping.

It is fun to watch people strategize while waiting in line for doors to open. I have also met some really cool people while in line before dawn for doors to open. I haven't stayed in contact with them but just chatting while standing in line makes the wait seem a little shorter.

However, there are people who take this day too far.

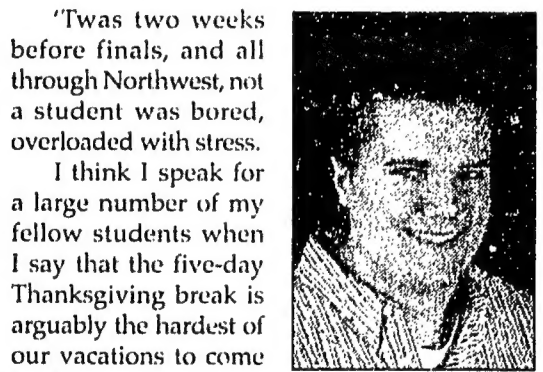
Every once in a while there are reports about something going terribly wrong while people are out on that day. Sometimes people let their rage take over in desperate attempts to get their loved ones the item on top of their list.

Even though I have never seen anything horrendous occur on Friday, someone told me they know someone who got trampled while on their way in to a store. They were then taken to a hospital for a broken arm.

Most people who aren't shopping enthusiasts let Black Friday come and go without ever seeing what it's really like. I think everyone should experience it at least once. Not only do you get some pretty good deals, it's a chance to experience something new and exciting.

## -COLUMN

## Post-break leaves much to be desired



Evan Young  
University Editor

"Twas two weeks before finals, and all through Northwest, not a student was stressed, overloaded with stress.

I think I speak for a large number of my fellow students when I say that the five-day Thanksgiving break is arguably the hardest of our vacations to come back from. Just when you settle in at home, get a running start being a lazy bum and overdose on cryptophan, it's already time to journey back to campus. What a tease.

For me, making the "journey back to campus" involved stumbling out of a warm bed at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, heading to Community Editor Dominic Genetti's house and carpooling six hours from St. Louis to Maryville.

All the while the dread of becoming two weeks' term papers, speech and *Missourian* issues swarmed

around my head like shoppers at a Target store on Black Friday morning, anxiously awaiting the chance to break through and unearth everything inside.

And no, that list did not include final exams. But I digress. Realize we students are desperately feeling the pressure as we approach the trimester's end. It never fails. Suddenly, the "walk in the park" classes you strolled confidently into that glorious late-August day are now sending your blood pressure off the charts. Meanwhile, those other legitimately "challenging" courses are tempting your inner pyro to set ablaze a term paper, textbook, Paris Hilton's CD or another object of your choosing.

As much as we would love to have access to Adam Sandler's "Click" remote control, no such device exists. So we must tell our-

selves to suck it up, and meet the finals week challenge head on. It won't be a fair fight, that's for sure. (Think 2D video game junkies vs. the two PlayStation 3 systems in stock at a Wal-Mart on the release date; you'll get the picture.) But fair or not, it's coming, and we must put up a good struggle.

Now, I could give you the same advice you'd receive from a counselor, your parents or professors. Eat healthy. Exercise. Get plenty of sleep. Prioritize your precious time. Find a cure for cancer. You know, pretty basic stuff.

But my advice goes beyond the physical responsibilities of preparing for finals: always make time to do something that makes you happy. It's the simplest concept, but you'd be surprised at how few people (including myself) actually apply it. We keep our noses buried deep in textbooks, our eyes glued on the Microsoft Word document on the screen in front of us, all while letting some prime opportunities for relaxation and mental cleansing slip by.

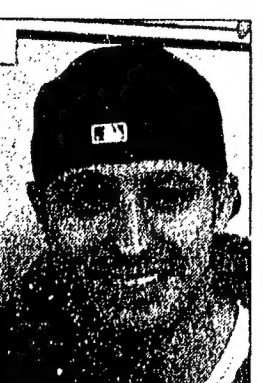
Yes, it is important to devote time to studying and other schoolwork; you do want to pass the classes you pay thousands of dollars to take. But make sure you're not weighing down your brain so much with finals that you lose sight of other things.

Make time to watch that movie you've always wanted to see. Put your favorite songs on heavy rotation on your iPod while walking to and from class. Go Christmas shopping with friends. Make a call home to your loved ones. For me it's laughing at a good program on Comedy Central, taking a thoughtful walk by myself around campus or singing along like an "American Idol" reject to one of my 100-something CDs.

It's totally up to you—no one else truly knows what makes you happy. But I offer a solid guarantee that after making time for yourself these next several days, preparing for that 8 a.m. final Dec. 11 won't seem as bad. And with that, Happy Finals Week to all, and to all, good luck!

## CAMPUSTALK

## Are you happy with the election results?



"It's kind of cool because the football games bring the school together. As long as I graduate, I'm OK."

Jason Dew  
Branch ending



"I think it's up to the senior class to make a decision. If they want to move it, then they should."

Kayla Scott  
Public Relations



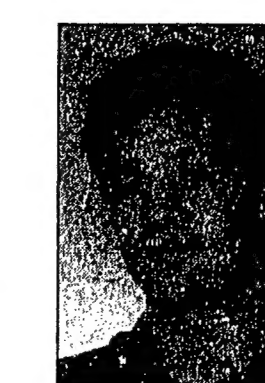
"I'm for changing the day of graduation, the people are going to want to see the game."

Bayo Adio  
MIS



"Someone graduating is the most important part. That's why you are here, for academics. I love football, but it's just a game. Academics are for life."

Sara Yanic  
FACS Education



"I think it's kind of nice for some people because it gives them time to graduate and go to the game."

Andy Hazelrigg  
IDA

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Nov. 12**  
■Larceny from a vehicle, ongoing investigation, 1100 block E. Thompson

**Nov. 14**  
■Larceny, diamond earrings, 300 block S. Main

■Larceny from a vehicle, two CD cases with approximately 160 CDs

■David J. Durfee, 22, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana

■Kacey J. Sutton, 18, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■Harassment, ongoing investigation, 400 block North Ave.

■Property damage, vehicle damage, 400 block E. Sixth

■Larceny from a vehicle, camo coveralls, rifle and scope, 200 block W. Sixth

**Nov. 15**  
■Kyle J. Mack, 21, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■Justin S. Pelson, 18, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■Charles A. Haynes, 24, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■Stephanie N. Mercer, 17, Maryville, larceny from a business

■Property damage, vehicle damage, 400 block E. Sixth

**Nov. 16**  
■Larceny, lawn ornament, 400 block E. Fourth

■Property damage, vehicle damage, 1100 block E. Thompson

**Nov. 17**  
■Wayne H. Wallace, 33, Birmingham, Ala., indecent exposure, 300 block N. Market

■Deviate sexual assault, ongoing investigation, 600 block E. Walst

■Lost or stolen property, first and contents, 1100 block N. Walnut

**Nov. 18**  
■Justin M. Hildebrand, 21, Maryville, supplying alcohol to a minor; Benjamin R. Stredronsky, 19, Maryville, MIP

**Nov. 21**  
■Property damage, window damage, 400 block N. Main

■Fraud, ongoing investigation, 700 block Highland Ave.

**Nov. 22**  
■Ronnie M. Ashley, 17, New Virginia, Iowa, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■Larceny/stealing, two rifles, 300 block W. Seventh

**Nov. 23**  
■Larceny/stealing, computer, 1600 block S. Main

■Francis J. Stephenson, 17, Maryville, trespassing on school grounds, one referred to juvenile office, 1500 block S. Munn

**Nov. 24**  
■Property damage, vandalism to park restrooms, 300 block W. Lincoln

**Nov. 25**  
■Michael W. Wilmes, 37, Maryville, open container in vehicle

■Towed vehicle, red Sebring, 2900 block S. Main

■Jimmy L. Dreher, 23, Maryville, supplying alcohol to a minor, peace disturbance; Klarissa A. Lager, 18, Clyde, Mo., MIP, 500 block S. Mulberry

■Michelle K. Alsbury, 43, Gladstone, Mo., DWI (second), 1100 block S. Main

**Nov. 26**  
■Fireworks violation, ongoing investigation, 1600 N. College Drive

■Charles T. Gouchenour, 20, Maryville, MIP, 300 S. Buchanan

■Michael L. O'Connor, 24, Maryville, failure to appear, 300 block W. Ninth

**ACCIDENTS**

■Alex B. DuPlessis, 20, Maryville, and Theresa D. Wilson, 33, Maryville, collided at Main and South

Avenue. DuPlessis was cited with careless and imprudent driving.

**Nov. 15**  
■Nicola K. McGinnis, 21, Maryville, collided with Geraldine S. Burch, 54, Ravenwood, Mo., at Main and South Avenue. McGinnis was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

**Nov. 16**  
■Lorraine H. Pritchett, 64, Maryville, collided with Jamie L. Scott, 28, Maryville, at Ninth and Mulberry. Pritchett was cited with failure to stop.

**Nov. 17**  
■Daniel L. Johnson, 41, Maryville, and Tyler Ryan, Maryville, 1100 block N. Walnut, Johnson was cited with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

**Nov. 18**  
■Jesse P. Lemar, 18, Maryville, and Pamela A. Shannon, 56, Maryville, collided at Fifth and Fillmore. Shannon was cited with failure to yield.

**Nov. 21**  
■Patrick M. Rippeto, 19, Lawton, Mo., and Nicole S. Woodward, Maryville, collided at 1600 block S. Main.

**Nov. 25**  
■Courtnee L. Ream, 20, Unionville, Mo., collided with Anthony L. Winters, 41, Maryville, at Licker and Main. Ream was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

**Nov. 26**  
■Andrea E. Ury, 27, Maryville, and Ami E. Beck, 19, Odessa, Mo., collided at South Avenue and Main.

## OBITUARIES

**Mary Eugenia "Genie" (Neal) Wray, 93** Maryville, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at her daughter's home in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Genie was born Oct. 3, 1913 in Pickering, Mo., the daughter of Ira L. and Bertha Chloe (Angels) Neal. A 1930 graduate of Maryville High School, she attended Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College, also in Maryville. Genie married Orville Kenneth Wray in Maryville on Dec. 24, 1932.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Christian Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Maryville Garden Club, all of Maryville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Wray; her parents; four sisters, Flossie Lincoln, Sadie Sessions, Annie Curmatt and Zelma Neal; and two brothers, Donald and Paul Neal.

Survivors include her children, Ronald N. Wray, Bonter Springs, Kan., Phyllis J. James, Bettendorf, Iowa, Steven F. Wray, Checotaw, Okla. and Joyce A. Fagin, Excelsior Springs; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 at First United Methodist Church, Maryville with burial in White Oak Cemetery, Pickering, Mo.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Maryville or Excelsior Springs Home Health and Hospice, 1700 Rainbow Boulevard, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024 in Genie's name.

**Anna Marie (Heitman) Yehle, 100**, Maryville, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at a hospital in St. Louis County.

Ann was born Nov. 17, 1906 in Maryville, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Gaud) Heitman.

A graduate of St. Patrick's High

School, Maryville she received her RN degree from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Joseph, Mo. She worked in various hospitals and as a school nurse.

She married Eugene Yehle in 1929 and lived in Maryville until 1996 when she moved to St. Louis to be close to her daughter.

Ann was a member of St. Peter's Parish in Kirkwood, and had been a former member of St. Gregory Barabaro Parish in Maryville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Yehle (June 15, 1971); parents; brothers: Joseph, Leo, Bernard and Raymond Heitman; and sisters: Clara Heitman, Mary Roney, Gertrude Jansen and Lorena Roney.

Survivors include her children, Ruth Jean Rocchio and Robert Yehle, both of St. Louis, and Jerry Yehle, Kansas City; eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial is Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Kirkwood, Mo. A graveside service was conducted at St. Mary's Cemetery Nov. 28.

Memorials may be made to Friends of the St. Louis University Liver Center, 14323 South Outer Highway 40, Suite 200, Chesterfield, MO 63017 in Anna's name.

**Lester Busby Reakecker, 92**, Maryville, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Beverly Healthcare of Maryville.

Les was born April 7, 1914 in Maryville, the son of Lester O. and Goldie (Busby) Reakecker, Sr.

He attended Peace and Harmony Rural School, Southwest of Maryville and he was a 1933 graduate of Maryville High School. He attended Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College, also in Maryville.

On June 25, 1938 Les married Elenora "Corky" Carmichael in Skidmore, Mo.

He was an insurance agent for 44 years, having worked at Gray Insurance Agency in Maryville. A member of the First United Methodist Church, he also was a charter member of Kiwanis International and served as President of the club in 1966.

A member of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Les had also been a member of the Rockford Community, prior to moving into Maryville. He had been in the Rockford 4-H Club as a youth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a great-grandson, Tyler Anderson.

Survivors include his wife: Corky Reakecker, of their home; a son, Marvin, Denver; a daughter: Linda Reynolds, Springfield, Mo.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a sister, Alice Kissinger, Cheney, Wash.

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Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Maryville.

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## DIAGNOSIS: Health providers say Tuberculosis not imminent threat

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and only five cases of TB have been reported in Missouri the past two years, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

TB is characterized by flu-like symptoms but is distinguished by coughing up blood or phlegm from deep inside the lungs, weight loss, loss of appetite and chest pains, according to the CDC.

Treatment consists of taking medication for a period of time depending on how many places the bacteria is present. The treatment will help terminate active bacteria, allowing

the person to come out of isolation.

A vaccine called BCG helps prevent TB but does not have lasting protection and is mainly used in underdeveloped, countries to help protect the most susceptible groups such as children and the elderly, Murr said.

If someone is feeling sick for a long period of time and is not able to get better on their own by resting and living a healthy lifestyle, they should see a physician because it could be a sign of a threatening disease such as TB, Murr said.

"The best thing people can do is to take care of themselves," Murr said.

## STUDY ABROAD PHOTO ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

AMANDA HANSON'S photo of her summer trip to India won this year's Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest. Students submitted photos and essays from their study abroad experience and were judged by faculty and staff. Winners received travel vouchers, luggage and other travel accessories.

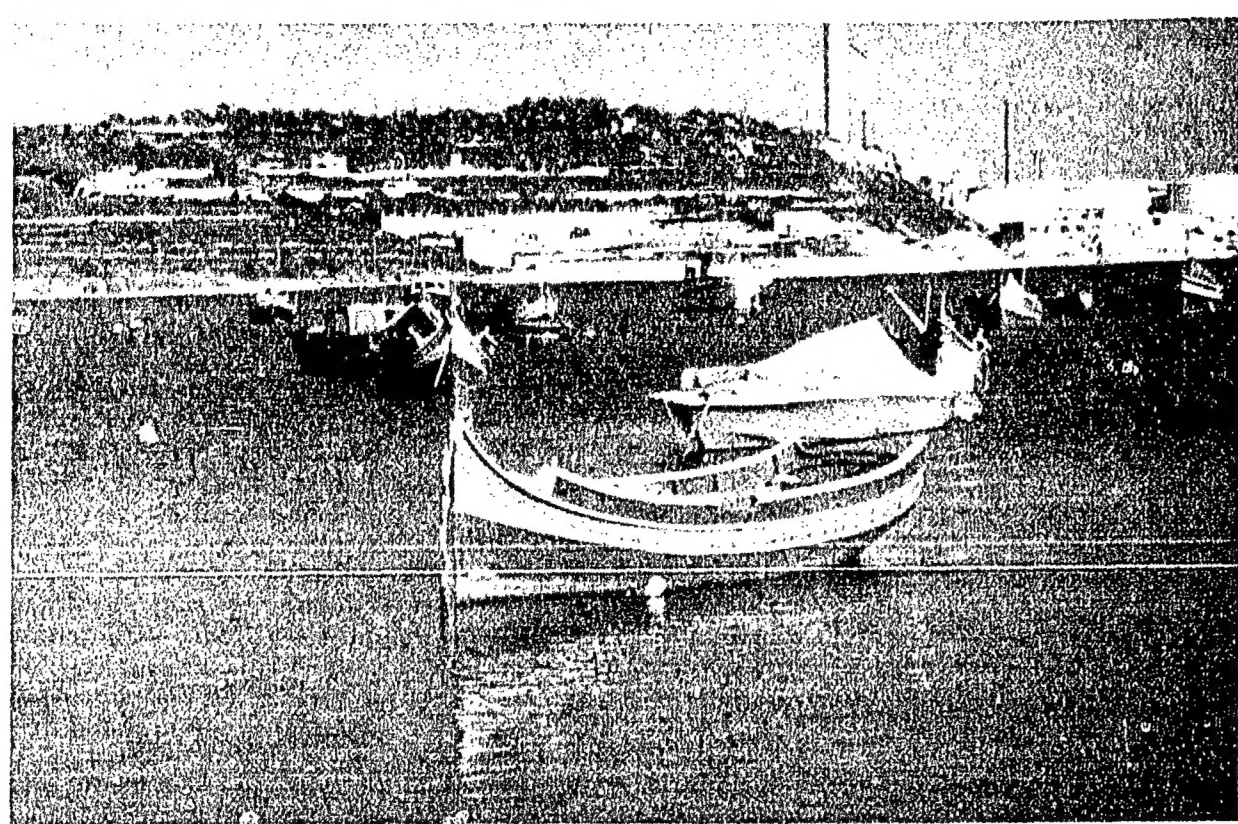


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## FACULTY: Surveys offer student input regarding courses

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get them back until after they issue grades," Oehler said. "Some faculty will survey their students independently midterm to get more feedback if there's something about the other surveys they don't understand."

Furthermore, faculty report the results of the first four survey questions to the dean of their college, so a set of University-wide general education data can be compiled to analyze long-term trends related to student/faculty satisfaction.

The surveys contain two sections. The first is a multiple-choice questionnaire to which students respond on a Scantron card. Next, they can use the back of the card to jot down any comments or concerns regarding instructors or the courses in general.

Teachers cannot be present in the classroom while students fill out the survey, and are not allowed to deliver completed evaluations to the department office. However, Oehler said each department has its own policy when it comes to distributing and moderating the process.

"It's important to emphasize the confidential nature (of the survey). But there's no hard and fast rule that they have to do it one way," he said.

The survey questions are tailored specifically for each department on campus, Oehler said. However, the first four ques-

tions on the survey are the same regardless of the teacher or department. Those questions ask whether the instructor has made clear the goals of the course, helped students achieve those goals, provided students frequent feedback on their performance in class and was responsive to requests for help.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said the current faculty evaluation method, implemented at the University in the late 1980s, is an effective process for measuring the institution's quality of instruction.

He said there is no one correct method of teaching. The evaluation, he said, is open enough to encourage instructors to experiment with different, possibly non-conventional teaching styles.

"The challenge is to release their creative energies and encourage them to work together with each other and their students," Hubbard said.

"We don't want to create an environment that doesn't promote experimentation and where (faculty) become risk adverse because they think we're going to clobber them. Not trying is not accepted."

Hubbard said methods of evaluation like President Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act," which holds educators accountable should they fail while trying something new with their students, send a bad message.

"It's embarrassing to teachers because

it's predicated on the misconception that they are lazy," Hubbard said. "I believe the vast majority of people here want this to be a winning experience."

"We can't improve if there is no measurement system, but we won't improve if it's a 'gotcha' system."

Oehler said Northwest takes student input seriously, and expects students to do the same when filling out their surveys.

"We hope that students are being honest so we can take the results and look at them effectively," he said.

"With any set of data, there can be a wide range. The question is what to do with the outliers. Are there enough to do something, or are most people satisfied?"

Max Fridell, assistant professor of educational leadership, chaired a subcommittee last year that investigated the faculty evaluation process as a whole, but also focused on the questionnaire's fourth item, which pertains to how responsive faculty are to student requests for help.

In addition, the committee worked to tailor the survey to students taking online courses, he said.

As an educator, Fridell said the most significant benefit the surveys offer is the immediate feedback for faculty, which in turn benefits their students.

"Ideally, they allow students to know their voices have immediate impact."

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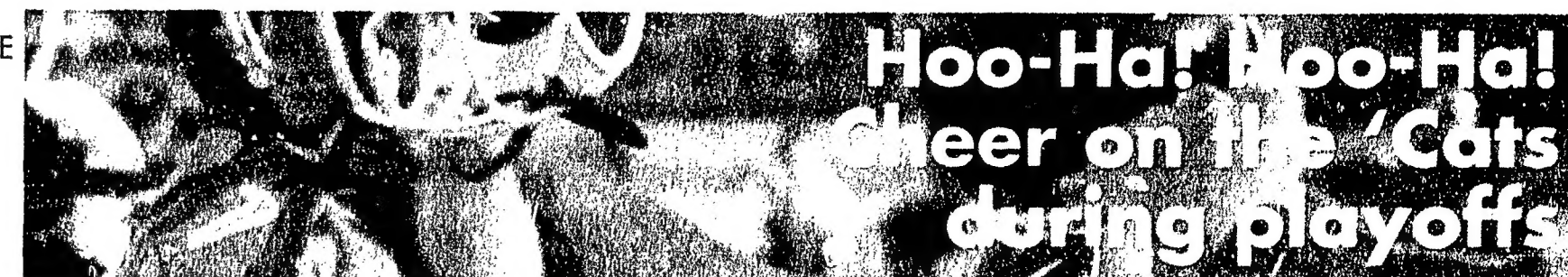
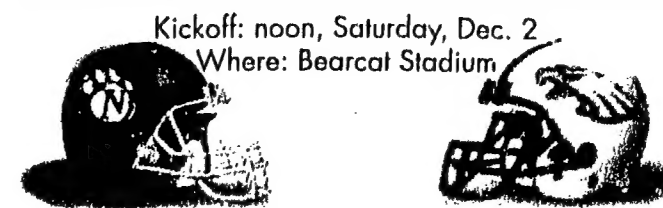
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—NW FOOTBALL

# Challenge ahead for defense

Brett Barger  
Assistant Sports Editor

No challenge has been too tall for the Northwest defense during the regular season nor during Northwest's 27-0 second-round playoff victory over Midwestern State last Saturday.

Chadron State running back Danny Woodhead may only stand 5' 9" tall, but he brings giant-like numbers to Saturday's quarterfinal date against Northwest (12-0) in the Division II playoffs.

"He's (Woodhead) by far the fastest back we've seen," Northwest coach Mel

Tjeerdsma said. "He's a great player." Woodhead became the single season rushing leader in all divisions after rushing for 252 yards and four touchdowns last week against West Texas A&M. He now stands with 2,740 yards and 34 touchdowns.

"I've had a lot of good offensive linemen," Woodhead said. "They just give me a lot of good opportunities to make some yards."

Cornerback Diezas Calbert admits Woodhead will be a tough challenge for the 11th ranked rush defense in the nation.

"He's quick and fast; he's a little

small, but he's going to give us a real good challenge," Calbert said. "Probably the best challenge that we've had at the running back position."

One of the advantages of Woodhead's 5' 9" frame is it allows him to be more deceptive behind the line of scrimmage.

"He does a good job of that...staying behind his offensive line," Tjeerdsma said. "Because of his quickness, he can make that quick cut and go. He gets a lot of yards on cutback stuff."

Woodhead said he isn't overlooking a Northwest defense, that hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher all season.

"They fly around a lot," Woodhead said. "They're not just stacked, but they're physical also. This is definitely the best defense we will have seen."

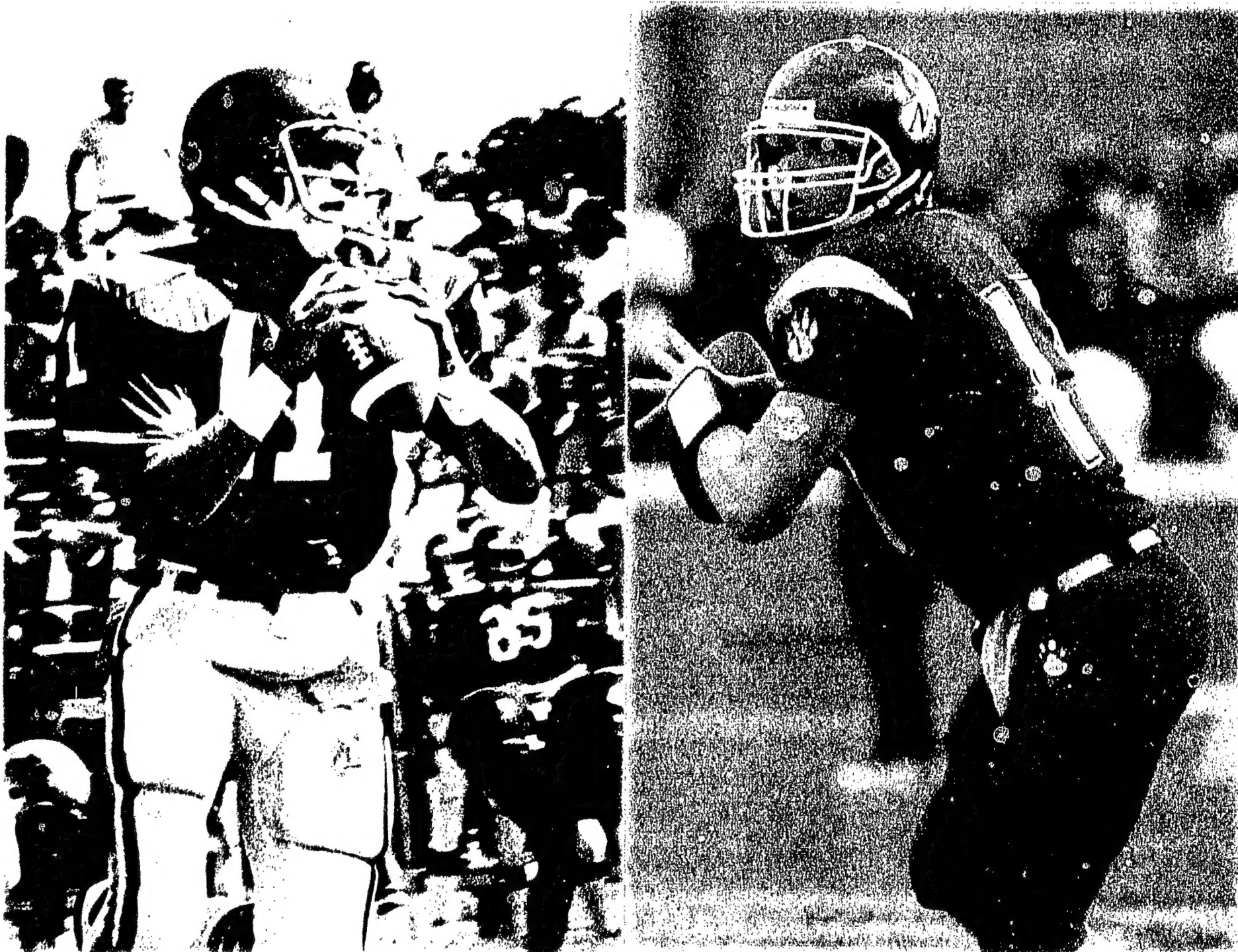
While Woodhead has been making headlines of his own, Chadron State (12-0) surprised the college football world when they ousted I-AA Montana State, 35-24, Sept. 9. Montana State later defeated Division I Colorado.

"You can say what you want about the RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference), but Chadron State's a good team," Tjeerdsma said.

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—NW FOOTBALL

# Like father, like son



THE APPLE doesn't fall very far from the tree for the Mathews family. On the left, former Northwest quarterback Kirk Mathews gets ready to pass during a game in 1978. On the right his son, and current Bearcat quarterback Josh looks around the field during a game this season at home.

## Younger Mathews following in father's football footsteps

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

It's been 29 years since Northwest and Chadron State have played each other.

However, after 29 years, the name at quarterback for Northwest hasn't changed.

Well, sort of.

Kirk Mathews suited up nearly three decades ago on Sept. 9, 1977, and led Northwest in a come from behind victory over Chadron State.

And now his only son, Josh, will take the field and hope to lead the Bearcats past the Eagles and into the semifinals.

To Kirk it might seem like he's watching history repeat itself. Josh went to the same high school as his father, played for the same coach, went to the same college and plays the same position his father played.

"The whole experience has just been really fun for my wife and I," said Kirk, who met and proposed to his wife, Jane, at Northwest. "There's no question about it, going out on the field after the games, the same location, the same place...we are really, really blessed."

A lot different  
Kirk came to Northwest from St. Louis, where he graduated from Lafayette High School.

He started all four years at quarterback and was near the top in passing records.

Kirk led Northwest to a 7-3 record in his first season, then the team moved to 8-2 the following season and 5-5-1 in 1977. But the team hit rock bottom in 1978 falling to 0-11.

However in 1978, Kirk had his best season, throwing for 1,611 yards throwing for nine touchdowns and 13 interceptions while setting nine school records at the time.

Kirk said there are plenty of differences between then and now but some familiar faces are still around. Current head athletic trainer David Colt served as a graduate assistant during the 1977 season.

Now with the team looking towards possibly reaching its fourth national championship game, Kirk couldn't have imagined it nearly 30 years ago.

"It's inconceivable to us. I never dreamed it would reach that magnitude," Kirk said.

The only way to play  
Josh went through private schools most of his life so when he went to a public school to start high school, it was a culture shock. However, it was probably the only way Josh was going to play football.

A team had just started up in junior high but they were not going to be able to field a high school team.

"That was obviously a big turn-off," Josh said. "The Mathews' moved into another district so Josh would be able to go to Lafayette High School—his father's alma mater."

Lafayette, a bigger school, produced former Northwest cornerback Tony Glover who is currently the secondary coach at Northwest. On a national stage one of Lafayette's most famous alumni is Ryan Howard of

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—NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST FORWARD Lauren Williams takes a shot during Tuesday's game against William Penn.

# Women dominate

Cali Arnold  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team forced William Penn to prove a 19-0 run is hard to come back from.

Northwest used the run, along with a 14-2 run to start the game, to defeat the Lady Statesmen 79-51 Tuesday in Bearcat Arena.

Juniour guard Kelli Nelson made five of 11 three-point baskets on her way to 19 points to lead the team. She said rebounding was the key to the team's 19-0 run between the first and second halves.

"We knew once we got our defense going our offense would come," Nelson said.

Nelson and the team were correct, with three players in double figures and two with nine points apiece. The 'Cats also forced the Lady Statesmen to commit 28 turnovers while they only managed nine assists.

Even with the runs, Northwest did allow William Penn to within seven points with three minutes left in the first half.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer said his team is starting to make a habit of letting teams back in the games.

"It's kind of a trait of ours we get a big lead and then we lose focus," Steinmeyer said. "At one timeout I asked the girls on the floor 'you've been outscored by seven points, are you seven points worse than them?' and boom, right off they went on about a 10-0 run."

Luckily, the team regained focus before heading into halftime and never looked back.

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—NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Squad splits trip in South Dakota

Peterson plagued by MCL injury, out for two weeks

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

If having a young squad wasn't bad enough, the Northwest men's basketball team recently suffered another blow.

Guard Andy Peterson sprained his medial collateral ligament (MCL) Nov. 21 against Graceland University and could be out for two more weeks.

"It really is a big loss," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "He gets guys huddled up out on the court...he brings a great personality."

Peterson is one of only five returners for a squad with more than 10 newcomers. Tappmeyer has now been forced to throw two freshmen guards into the mix—Mike Larsen and Lance Sullivan.

Peterson's injury came right before the team traveled to participate in the Northern State Classic in Aberdeen, S.D.

Northwest split the tournament, defeating Northern State Friday but losing to University of Mary Saturday. The Bearcats got revenge against the Wolves with a 88-60 win, Northern State defeated Northwest last season in Maryville. The Wolves fell in the Sweet 16 when they

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## —OFF THE FIELD

## Staff adjusts to playoffs

Scott Levine  
Missourian Reporter

Northwest football fans should expect a different atmosphere during playoffs at Bearcat Stadium.

The school hosts every game except for the national championship, but the NCAA tries to make the guests feel as comfortable as possible.

The NCAA requires the host school to accommodate the visiting side better than in the regular season. This rule forces Northwest to allot band time for the other teams, not have banners and have different officials — among other aspects.

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter said hosting playoff games is supposed to be conducted unbiassed.

"This is supposed to be a neutral environment and is a courtesy for the road teams," Boerigter said. "It is a privilege to be able to host an event like this, and I don't think it has any effect on the teams playing."

Seating is changed for students regularly watching from the "Greenhouse," Boerigter added. NCAA requires the host team to provide seating directly behind the visitors' bench and be in the lowest 35 rows.

Also, the bands are seated out-

side the 25-yard line and cannot play during the 25-second play clock.

In addition, Boerigter said there are differences how the public address announcer must call the game.

"The PA guy can't give the traditional, 'good enough for a Bearcat first down,' because he must be neutral," Boerigter said. "The cheerleaders will have to lead that chant now, but I'm sure it will work."

Along with other minor changes, the media is affected by different play rules.

The media is not allowed to talk to anyone on the teams until there is a 10-minute cooling off period, according to the NCAA. Coaches are not allowed to talk after the game until the media room is open 10 minutes post-game.

For Sports Information and Media Relations Director Chad Waller, this can be a stressful time of year.

"It's much different with hosting an event like this," Waller said. "There are more national media outlets wanting access to the game and my job is really to be a liaison. I try to communicate as well as I can, so everything is taken care of."

In order for television rights, media outlets must sign a contract and pay a small fee Waller said.

Should Northwest advance to the semifinals, ESPN will broadcast from Bearcat Stadium. However, Waller said the added attention shouldn't make much difference.

"This really doesn't affect my job that much, I just need to be a voice and answer questions for everyone," Waller said. "I need to get the media prepared and give a little inside feature for those people."

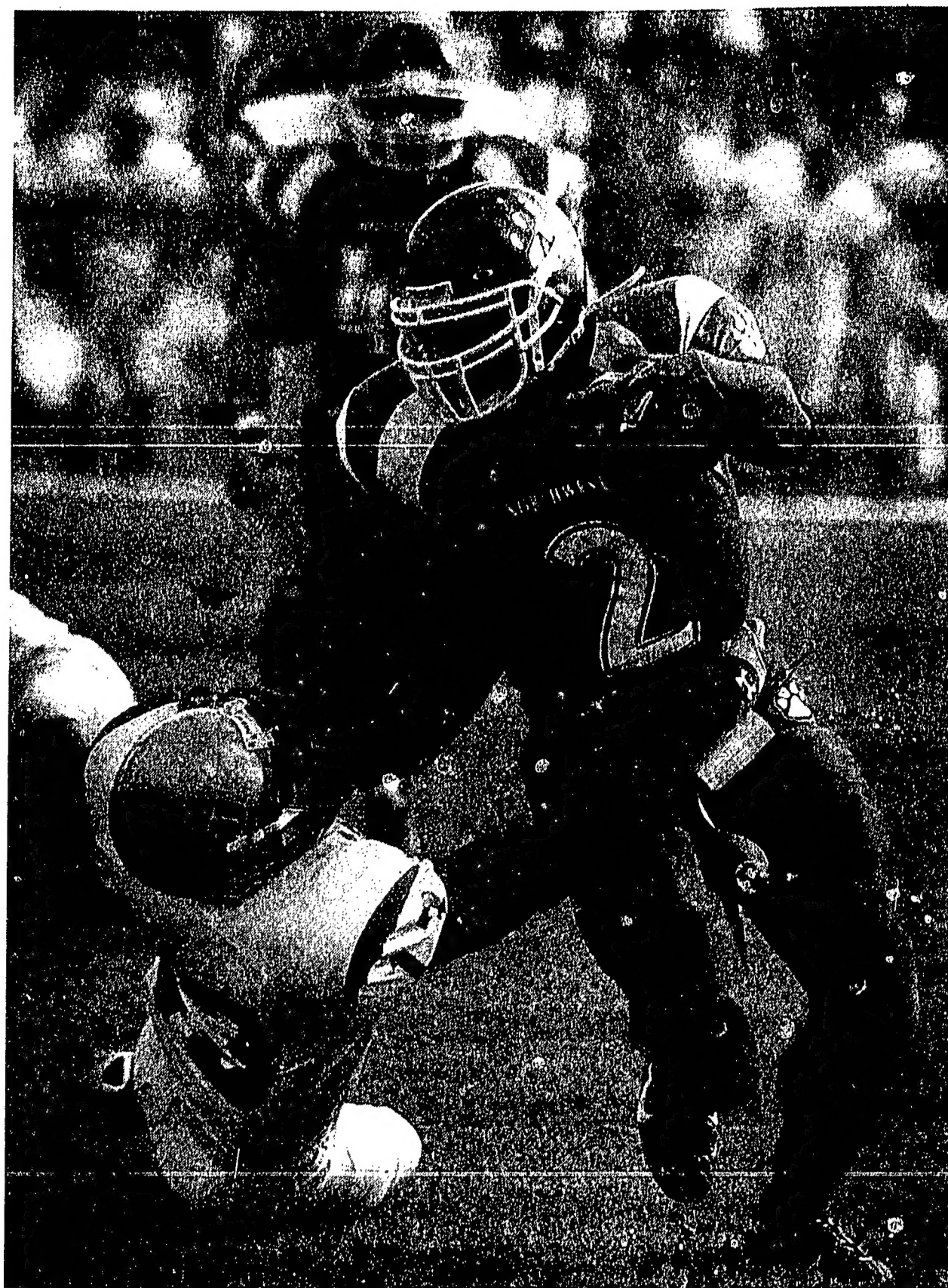
When the news outlets enter Maryville, Waller provides information on records, total yardage and different aspects that might bring life to the broadcast.

Waller said these changes should not affect Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma. After many playoff stints, Tjeerdsma has seen the differences between the two portions of the season.

"(Tjeerdsma) knows how it is," Waller said. "He's been around the block before."

With these revisions, Bearcat Stadium will be a different place for visiting and home fans. Regardless of the changes, the play on the field should remain constant and be a benefit for the community.

"It won't affect players, but it might affect some fans," Boerigter said. "Overall, though, this is good economically for Maryville."



**RUNNING BACK** Xavier Omon stiff arms Midwestern State safety Dezmond Sherrer for a six yard gain in the first quarter of Saturday's 27-0 playoff win. Omon came back to rush for 100 yards on 27 carries after a month-long absence because of a rib injury.

## DEFENSE: 'Cats face Chadron State in playoffs

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Chadron State's rush defense is equally formidable, giving up 65.8 yards per game—good for third in the nation.

"They probably get to the football better than any team we've played this year," Tjeerdsma said. Northwest quarterback Josh Mathews threw for 336 yards

against Midwestern State, but said that Chadron's pass defense possesses interesting characteristics.

"They're definitely not the most athletic defense we've faced," Mathews said. "They're very sound in what they do, they don't get beat deep very often and they're very big-play conscious. It will be a challenge for us, but I think we're up for it."

Coach Bill O'Boyle's Eagles scored 31 second-half points in last week's win over West Texas A&M but stressed the importance of playing a strong 60 minutes.

"We've got to come down there and play our best game," O'Boyle said. "It's going to be a matter of us putting our best game plan together and our kids playing lights out."

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## Big wins equal big bucks

Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

In 2005, Northwest fans were shelling out money for gas, hotels and food in order to follow their team moving through the rounds of the Division II football playoffs.

This year, the same money Bearcat fans were using in those communities will make its way back to Maryville.

Mitch Herring, manager of Jack's Nitch, saw the impact the playoffs had in his store last weekend.

"It (the playoff game) was comparable to a big rivalry game like Missouri Western or Family Day," Herring said. "We had a lot of traffic. Playoffs happen only once a year, so we make the most of it."

And as long as the football team continues to win, businesses will be reaping the benefits through the semifinal game.

"Obviously we see an influx of population

and increase in disposable income," said Sean Burge, executive director for Nodaway County Economic Development. "It increases the overall amount of retail sales and revenues."

Based on an earlier release from Northwest University Relations, approximately \$600,000 of an estimated \$750,000 the game generates remains in Nodaway County.

Northwest assistant professor of accounting, economics, and finance Jason White said those numbers are based from 1,000 fans visiting and spending money in the area. Fans can include those from the visiting team, as well as family and alumni of Northwest traveling back to Maryville for the weekend.

Mark Clements, Northwest assistant athletic director for internal operations, said Northwest receives 15-percent of game revenues after the expenses are taken out of a minimum guarantee of \$15,000 for the quarterfinal game. The rest goes to back to the NCAA.

A win against Chadron State this weekend

would also bring additional exposure to this town of 10,000: ESPN.

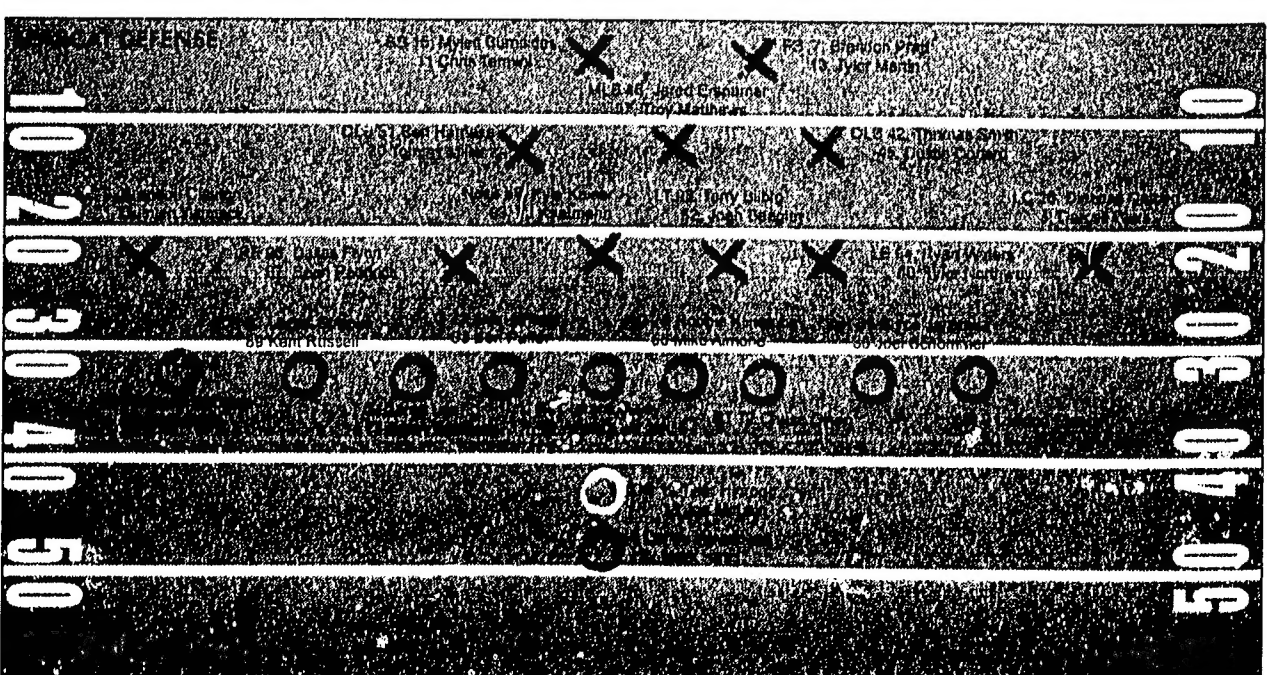
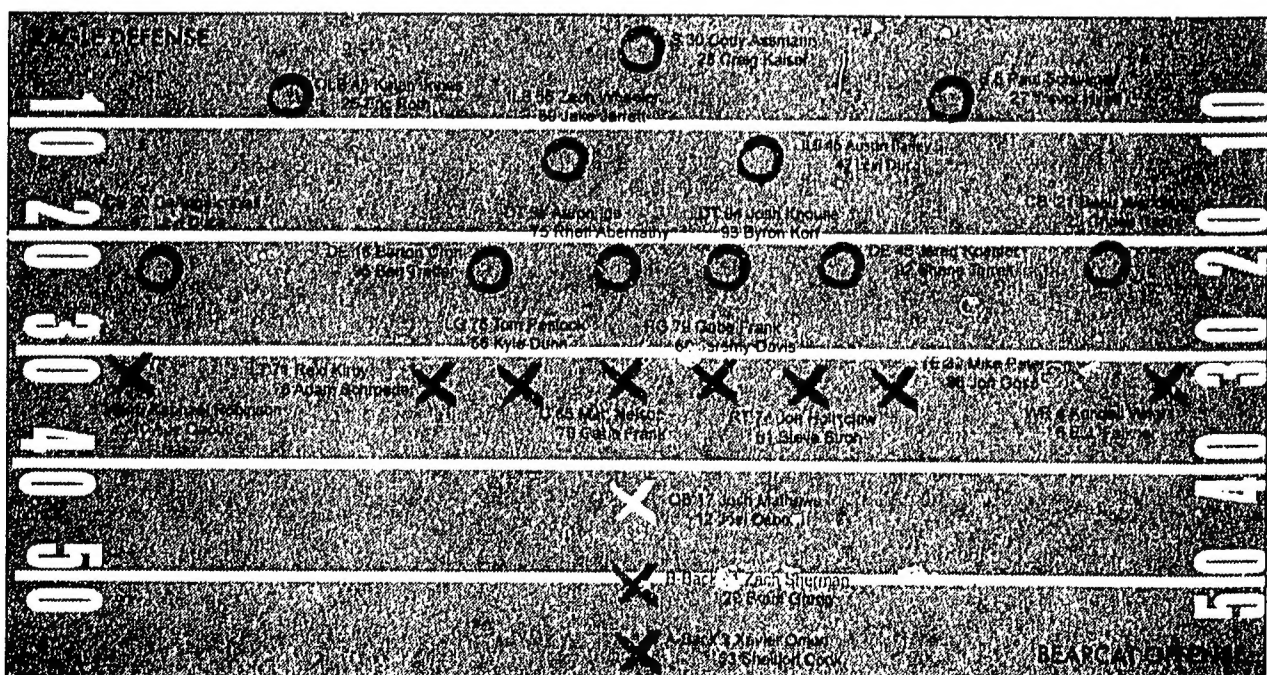
The "Worldwide Leader in Sports" would broadcast the semifinal game from Maryville with either a 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. kickoff on the ESPN2 or ESPN2 network. The game would also be the first night game at Bearcat Stadium since Sept. 24, 1977.

"Anytime your local community is showcased on a national scene, it's a good thing," Burge said. "As you get further and further into the playoffs, that type of exposure for the university and the community as a whole is a positive thing."

Herring, a member of last year's national runner-up team, said that while he's not looking past this weekend's game, he's taking the preparations for the semifinal and championship games.

"We're trying to prep for that as much as we can and not get too over our heads," Herring said.

## —TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHARTS—



**NORTHWEST'S MEGHAN** Brue tries moving around a William Penn defender as she makes her way to the basket Tuesday night at Bearcat Arena. The women's basketball team defeated William Penn 79-51.

## WOMEN: Squad pulls away

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With only two games left to play before MIAA play begins, Nelson said the team has some improvements to make on both sides of the ball.

"We really need to focus and work on the little things that mean the most, on offense and defense," Nelson said.

The team now faces an even

smaller roster after senior Erin Lohafier left the team prior to Thanksgiving break.

Lohafier averaged 6.2 minutes while playing in 20 games last season.

The 'Cats host Montana State-Billings at 7 p.m., Thursday, in Bearcat Arena, and St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m., Monday, before starting conference play at Southwest Baptist, Dec. 9.

## Double dose for Bearcats

The Northwest men's basketball and football teams will host home games on Saturday, and a variety of activities are scheduled around each.

Bearcat Stadium will host the quarterfinal round of division II football, with Northwest taking on Chadron State at noon.

Fans can gather at the Bearcat

Zone, west of the football stadium, at 10 a.m. Saturday for live entertainment, performances by the Northwest cheerleaders, Steppers and Bearcat Marching Band.

A catered meal with also be available for \$5 per person.

The men's basketball game against Principia (Ill.) is set for 7 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

Prior to tip-off fans, can meet at Carson's Sports Bar and Grill, located on the west side of the square in Maryville, for a Bearcat Rally.

A ticket stub from the football game or an Alumni Association Membership Card will result in 10 percent off the total ticket at Carson's.

Free admission to the basketball game will be permitted to anyone with a ticket stub from the Chadron State football game.

Performances from the Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders will take place during timeouts.

Free autographed posters will be handed out, and official cheerleader calendars will be available to purchase.

## Peterson to miss Big 12 championship

By J. Brady McCollough  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

NORMAN, Okla. — The way they talk about Adrian Peterson around here, you'd think that Bob Stoops would be spending this week on the corner of Asp Avenue and Lindsey Street, wearing a Santa hat and begging for rushing yards.

Stoops confirmed Tuesday that Peterson will not play in the Big 12 championship game, but that didn't stop reporters from bombarding Stoops and Oklahoma offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson with hypotheticals. What if Peterson suddenly recovered from his broken collarbone on Saturday morning? Would he play? Would his return affect team chemistry? It went on and on.

Wilson finally said what every other Sooner was thinking.

"Contrary to what people think," Wilson said, "there was some blocking going on with Peterson the past few years. AD is one of the most special

players I've coached, but he isn't the Lone Ranger."

If nothing else, Oklahoma has proved that during Peterson's six-game absence. In fact, the Sooners have averaged 206 rushing yards per game without Peterson, compared with 172 with him.

That 34-yard difference can be attributed to many things, but certainly to the hard-nosed running of junior Allen Patrick and the maturation of the Sooners' young offensive line.

In four games as the starter, Patrick has run for 603 yards and three touchdowns on 125 carries. He's averaging more than 150 yards per game and 4.8 per carry. Patrick missed the Texas Tech and Baylor games because of an ankle injury, and freshman Chris Brown rushed for 253 yards and three touchdowns in place of Patrick.

When Adrian went down, "Oklahoma left tackle Chris Messner said, 'you could see it in Allen and Chris' faces that they were ready to go but it up with people."

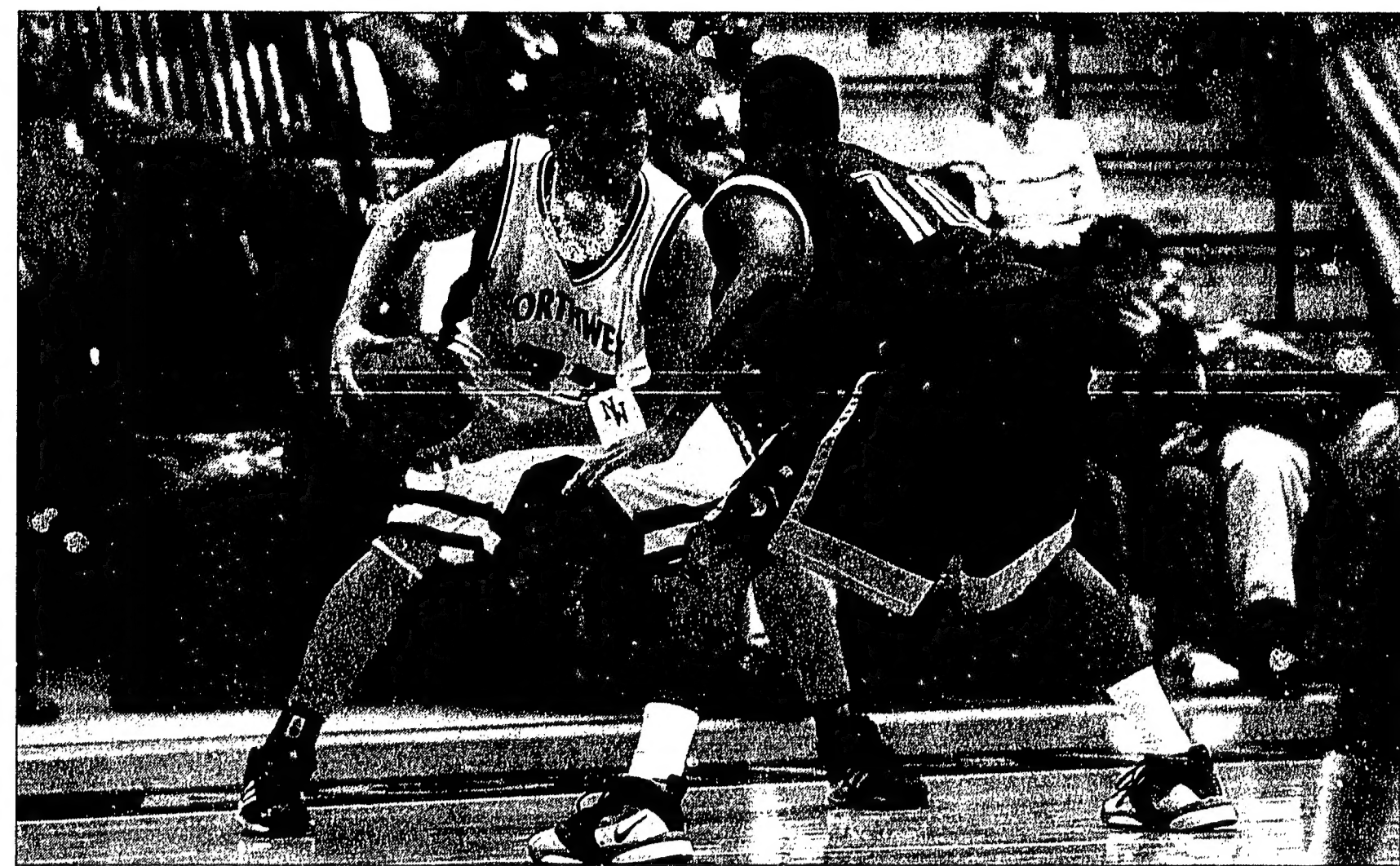
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## MEN: Peterson out for two weeks due to MCL sprain



**NORTHWEST'S ANDY** Peterson stares down a defender in a recent game. Peterson sprained his MCL a week ago and will be out most likely for two weeks. The men's basketball team sits to 4-1 after they split a Thanksgiving weekend trip in South Dakota.

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lost to eventual national champion Winona State.

On Friday, junior guard Dillon Higdon led the way with a career-high 28 points with 6-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc. Three other Bearcats scored double digits with Kelvin Cayruth, Reggie Robinson and Sullivan, scoring 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively.

However, Higdon was the big story as the Division I transfer from Idaho University comes

off a season he sat out due to an arm injury.

Tappmeyer wasn't surprised with Higdon's performance, saying Higdon is the type of player who plays off of confidence and momentum.

"I don't really think it's a fluke," Tappmeyer said. "I know it's there. He's just even confidence shaken...he just had really good confidence (Friday)."

Once again Saturday four Northwest players scored in double-digit figures, but this time it wouldn't be enough. University of Mary led by as many as 18 points in the second half, held off

a late Northwest rally to win 65-57.

The Bearcats shot just 25.9 percent for the game and each Higdon and Robinson went 0-for-7.

"You always worry about coming out flat the next day after a big win—and we did that," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest falls to 4-1 on the season and remained idle for the past week. They host Principia (Ill.) at 7 p.m., Saturday at Bearcat Arena and will play St. Mary (Kan.) at 7:30 p.m., Monday.

## Football places 6 on All-Region team

Brett Berger  
Assistant Sports Editor

The honors keep piling up for the Northwest football team.

Wednesday, six Bearcats were named to the Daktronics All-Southwest region squad.

Out of the six, offensive lineman Reid Kirby, wide receiver Kendall

Wright, linebacker Thomas Smith, tight end Mike Peterson and linebacker Ben Harness make the list for the first time.

Kirby, named to the first team offense, started all 12 games this season and helped lead an offensive line that has allowed only 17 sacks this season.

Wright, who placed on the second team offense, leads the club in recep-

tions (67) and receiving yards (998).

Smith and Peterson were tabbed to the first team defense and offense, respectively. Smith leads the team in tackles (70), while Peterson is third in receiving yards (472) and receptions (31).

Joining Wright on the second team is running back Xavier Omon. Omon leads the team in rushing yards (1082)

and touchdowns (18). Omon's selection is the third of his career.

Rounding out the list is linebacker Ben Harness. Harness, tapped for the first team defense, has 10 tackles-for-loss and has helped the Bearcats post three shutouts this season.

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## MATHEWS: Northwest quarterback trying to build his own legacy

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Those schools all had other recruits on their mind but if those fell through, Josh was down the list at usually the No. 3 spot.

But it didn't take Josh long to realize where he wanted to go.

His first and only visit was to Northwest and Kirk remembers his son pulling him aside during the tour and telling him to cancel his other visits, including one he had already had scheduled at SEMO.

"I said, 'I was really glad you feel that way,' but as a parent I didn't want him to have any regrets later," Kirk said.

Josh said it was a quick decision but he just knew from the small community and the support from all the coaches Maryville was where he wanted to be.

"Some would say it was a rash decision but I could see it was where I wanted to be in all aspects," Josh said. "I really felt welcome."

Josh said his father was supportive in his college search but did not try to force Northwest upon him.

"He did a good job not pushing me either way," Josh said. "He was non-persuasive...He was very unbiased about me coming here."

For Kirk it was music to his ears when Josh chose Northwest.

"That was awesome," Kirk said. "It was great to hear him say that."

In the saddle Josh redshirted his freshman season and it looked like he would remain on the bench during the 2004 season.

But eight games into the season, former Northwest quarterback, and current graduate assistant, Josh Lamberson suffered a season-ending hip injury.

Josh, who earlier in the week moved up the depth chart from the No. 3 spot to No. 2, got the call.

"In a matter of a week I went to a 3 to a 1, which is a huge jump," Josh said. "Yeah, I was definitely nervous at first...but after my first at Truman I actually felt pretty comfortable back there."

Josh led Northwest on a last minute drive to defeat Truman State in his very first start. He also had his share of bumps as he was knocked out of the game against Pittsburg State at Arrowhead Stadium in the season finale and then lost two weeks later again to Pittsburg State in the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

However, the experience he received in 2004 would end up giving him an edge in the future.

"The opportunity he got as a redshirt freshman...Throwing in those games going into the playoffs, that's paying dividends now," Kirk said.

No Pressure After watching a healthy Lamberson lead the Bearcats to the national championship game, Josh knew he again could be in the saddle at quarterback.

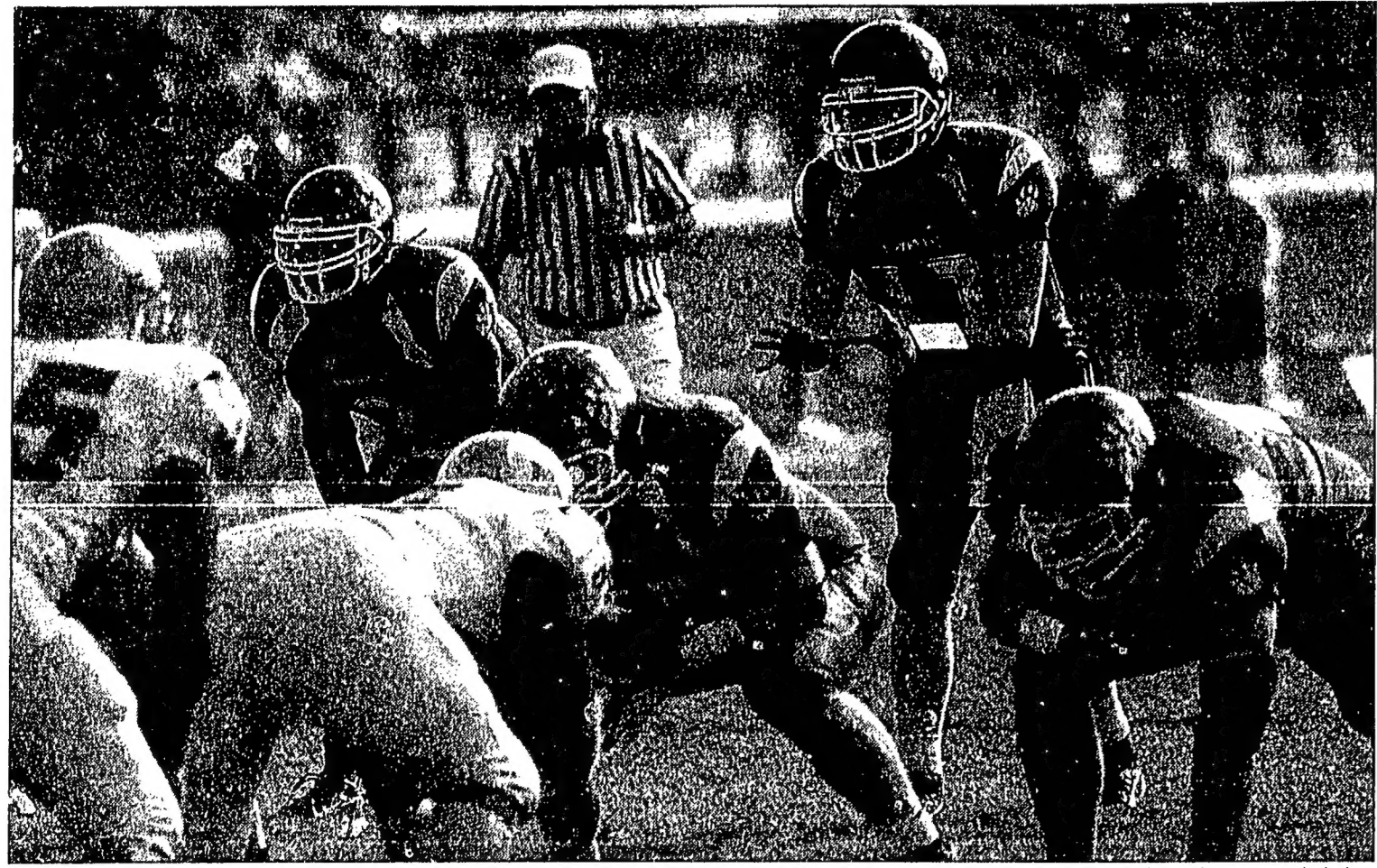
However, a quarterback controversy of sorts took place as younger teammate Joel Osborn battled with Josh for the job this past offseason. In the end Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma chose Josh over Osborn.

Early in the season, Josh struggled to get things flowing offensively, partly because of a young offensive line.

At times rumors developed about whether Osborn should have gotten the job. Josh's calm and laid-back attitude didn't let it get to him, however. He said the coaches helped him a long way to keep his confidence booming.

"Obviously it's in your head because you might think in a game if I make a bad throw I might get pulled," Josh said. "But the coaches made it very clear that I don't want you in there afraid to make a mistake...He was installing confidence in me that they weren't going to pull me if I made a bad decision. They (the coaches) made me feel very comfortable."

"It's not hard in a sense of a mental aspect but obviously expectations are high. The quarterback position at Northwest is very prestigious at Northwest on and off the field...It's very demanding not just on but off the field as well."



QUARTERBACK JOSH Mathews barks out commands as he sets up the Bearcat offense. Mathews is 2-1 in playoff competition for the Bearcats after leading his team to a 27-0 win over Midwestern State. Josh's father Kirk played quarterback for Northwest nearly 30 years ago.

Josh said following Lamberson, who set several Northwest passing records, wasn't a tough thing to do—it felt more like an honor. He also said Lamberson, as a graduate assistant with the quarterbacks, has really been a positive.

"What a person to follow," Josh said. "...As much as I see him as a coach, I see him as a peer, and a teammate and a buddy as much I do as a coach. Which I think has helped our relationship out a lot. I just don't see him as an authority figure or a coach I see him as a guy I can call and ask for whatever and he'll be there for me."

Bama or Bust On the season Josh has thrown for 2,759 yards while completing 65.4 percent of his passes, throwing 20 touchdowns and just throwing five interceptions. He's passed his father in several career passing categories

along the way. Josh also is 15-2 as a starter in his career.

During the season Josh changed several things in how he passed the ball and continued to progress.

He hit one of the higher points of the season, and in his career, when he completed 26-of-36 passes for 336 yards and one touchdown Saturday against Midwestern State.

Josh, however, took some hits in the game but didn't get rattled with what he said his ability to not stress out.

"I consider it a huge blessing. God gave me that gift to not get worked up and getting real nervous," Josh said. "Once I step on the field and start to warm-up (the nerves) all just starts to melt away."

Tjeerdma called Mathews' performance the most complete game he's played all season.

"He's got some excellent physical skills and he's using them," he said. "I thought Saturday was his best game and hopefully he'll continue to get better yet."

Northwest is now just three wins away from winning their first national championship game in seven years.

Josh said while winning it all is the team goal the season won't be a disappointment if the "Cats don't accomplish that feat."

The elder Mathews added that the 2006 team will never forget their achievements.

"There's no question about that, regardless of what he said, there will be disappointment," Kirk said. "But when that disappointment burns off over time, there will be a great deal of satisfaction. We're proud of him and proud of the team. We're proud of the whole accomplishments of the whole squad...we're just having so much fun."

## BY THE NUMBERS

Chadron State's Danny Woodhead

12 – Games played

2,740 – Net yards rushed, No. 1 in all NCAA divisions

8.4 – Average yards per rush

34 – Touchdowns

88 – Longest run

228.3 – Average yards per game

16 – Number of games straight Woodhead has rushed for over 100 yards.

16 – Number of games straight Northwest defense has held individual rushers to under 100 yards

## McGwire included on Hall of Fame ballot

Michael O'Keefe and T.J. Quinn  
New York Daily News (MCT)

NEW YORK --With the news that Baseball Hall of Fame ballots went out with Mark McGwire's name on them Monday, Denise Garibaldi found herself going back to the worst days of her life.

Her son, Rob, who revered McGwire and went to his alma mater, USC, to play baseball, killed himself four years ago after using steroids. She and many experts believe that Rob's depression was caused in part because of the drugs he took.

"Days like this come up and it highlights all those memories," she said Monday. "One reason

why Rob admired Mark so much was because of the kind of man Mark seemed to be. He was kind and gentle. He seemed to stand for something besides himself and baseball. When he hit his record-breaking home run in 1998, the way he lifted his son up in the air meant a lot to Rob. Rob really looked up to that."

But the family's admiration faded with McGwire's failure to admit his steroid use during congressional hearings last year, and she doesn't think Big Mac is worthy of induction.

"I'm very skeptical about the Hall of Fame. I truly don't think he deserves it," she said.

If 26 percent of the Hall voters agree, McGwire might become the

first casualty of baseball's steroid era. McGwire is part of a trinity of steroid users who appear on the ballot for the first time this year.

McGwire's former Bash Brother, Jose Canseco, who ousted McGwire as a steroid user with his book "Juiced" last year, also appears, as does the late Ken Caminiti, who first exposed baseball's steroid epidemic in 2002 with a sensational article in Sports Illustrated.

Caminiti died in 2004 of a cocaine-related heart attack.

First-timers Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. are expected to breeze through the balloting, the results of which will be announced Jan. 9.

Polls of voting members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America have shown that McGwire might not even get 50 percent of the vote, much less the 75 percent needed for induction.

Neither Canseco nor Caminiti, both of whom admitted their steroid use, is expected to be enshrined. McGwire, on the other hand, seemed like a lock when his career ended in 2001.

McGwire held the single-season home run record from 1998 to 2001, when Barry Bonds broke it, and finished with 583 career home runs. No eligible player with more than 500 home runs has been denied admission to Cooperstown, although McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro might start their own ignominious 500 club.

McGwire's downfall began with the February 2005 release of Canseco's book, in which he said he and McGwire used to inject each other in bathroom stalls at the Oakland Coliseum.

Weeks later, the Daily News published stories describing an "array" of hardcore steroids McGwire took, based on interviews with convicted steroid dealers who provided McGwire with drugs, and confirmed by FBI documents and sources familiar with their arrests.

Days later, McGwire appeared before the U.S. House Government Reform Committee, admitting nothing and saying repeatedly, "I'm not here to talk about the past."

Committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., later said he believed McGwire might have admitted his steroid use but was concerned about being within the statute of limitations for prosecution.

McGwire's attorney, Mark Bierbauer, told The News that McGwire will not do any interviews and wants to remain a private citizen. When a News reporter tried to ask McGwire a question about steroids during a December 2003 conference call to discuss his golf prowess, he refused to discuss his drug use or his baseball career.

McGwire has also refused to talk to the Mitchell Commission investigating steroids in baseball, as The News first reported.

## What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (11-30-06)

This year you're lucky in love, and just about everything else. Remember, you will be judged on how you manage the power. You'll be the judge, of course.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 10 — Being patient and planning carefully pays off, as you'll soon discover. You can move even more quickly now. Put on a great performance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — Pay back favors and debts you owe, and get rid of stuff you've outgrown. You're getting into shape, in more ways than one, and it looks good on you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — In a situation like this, you need a leader who has the strength and courage to be bold, and the support structure to be right. Help provide the facts needed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — It's a tough job but that's why it pays so well. Don't take any chances. Before you say you'll do it, get a very comfortable contract.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 10 — You're lucky now in love and games, and whatever else you try. Don't be an idiot about it. Try stuff that pays off well if you win.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 — If you already have a home, fix it up. If you don't, start seriously saving. Real estate can help finance the lifestyle you're going to acquire.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — You're very enthusiastic but don't be impetuous. Your odds of success are good now, if you don't trip over your own feet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 — There's plenty of work, and the more you can do of it, the more money you'll rake in. Move quickly, and prosper.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 — You're lucky now, and you'll soon discover a new truth about yourself. With that in mind, what are you willing to risk?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 — You're a very busy person, so you don't have time to fuss over others very much. If you're feeling low, it's a good tonic. Get somebody a funny card.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

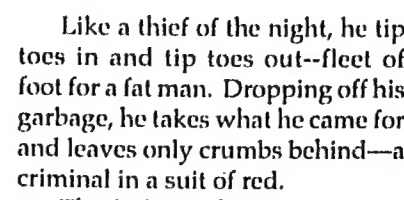
Today is an 8 — Cut through the fluff and get to the substantial part of the information. This isn't easy but it's important. You don't want all that trash in your head. Edit out the spin.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 5 — Use money to make money. You can figure out how. Sure, work is required, but you're in the mood for that. Knock 'em dead. Break a leg.

—STROLLER

## Your Man hates Santa Claus



Like a thief of the night, he tip toes in and tip toes out—fleet of foot for a fat man. Dropping off his garbage, he takes what he came for and leaves only crumbs behind—a criminal in a suit of red.

The kids see him as jolly old Saint Nick, but I'm not fooled. I've seen him in shopping malls. Reeking of booze and Newport, I see him for what he truly is...a morbidly obese chain-smoking criminal who out sources American jobs to the North Pole for cheap elfish labor.

I often wonder how no one else can see it. I understand that the media paints a picture of smiling elves and Santa living together in harmony, but let's face it, someone is someone's "cell mate" in that scenario, and I'm pretty sure the elves aren't giving orders. Do they even get paid? Is Santa a slave driver?

I'm shocked that parents haven't

taken a stand. He bounces their kids up and down on his lap (a little creepy, why can't we just stand and tell him what we want?) and brain washes them with the promise of wonderful toys. And when time comes to deliver he presents them with clothes or some seemingly wonderful gift, which will inevitably break in a week.

Damn you Santa. Damn you and your shallow promises.

But why? Why would Santa Claus trick us like this? The answer is, we allow it. We give him what he wants every year. For Santa Claus

is quite simply a milk and cookie junkie. A prostitute for chocolate chips and moo juice, he does what he must to get a fix. If that means breaking into billions of houses a night and leaving behind his unwanted crap, then so be it. I'm not to up on my penal code (haha penal), but I'm pretty sure breaking and entering is a felony if you do it billions of times in one night.

I've played his sick twisted game for long enough. Not this year. Oh no. This year I have a plan. This year, when jolly old Saint Nick comes barreling down my chimney all hopped up on cow Cristal and Fig Newtons, I'll be ready for him. This year I'll be seated in my armchair with a loaded weapon.

Merry Christmas to you Santa and to you a good night.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

—HUMOR COLUMN

## A mutant tree all aglow

Dave Barry  
McClatchy Newspapers

'Tis that special time of year, The Holiday Retail Purchasing Season, a time when we traditionally print heartwarming human-interest stories designed to make you feel better about running up a level of debt normally associated with Mexico.

I have such a heartwarming story, which was published by The London Times and sent in by alert reader John Nicholls. The story, which I am not making up, concerns a man named Neil from Devon, England, who discovered an owl nesting in his garden. Each night, Neil would go outside and hoot to the owl. To his delight, he'd hear a hoot in reply; then he'd hoot some more.

This went on night after night, month after month; Neil even kept a log of his conversations with the owl. Then one day, Neil's wife got to talking about this with a neighbor, who said that her husband, whose name is Fred, had also been going out every night to hoot to the owl. At this point, the women realized that their husbands had in fact spent an entire year hooting to each other. The owl was not involved at all. The owl was probably inviting its owl friends over to drink owl beer and listen to these two hooting twits and laugh until they fell off the branch.

I admit that this heartwarming story is not directly related to the holiday season, but doesn't it make you feel better? You can say to yourself: "Maybe I will go broke this holiday season, and maybe I will wind up hospitalized with injuries sustained in hand-to-hand combat with other parents over who gets to buy the best Beanitos Baby at the Toys 'R Us. Expensive store, but at least I will not be spending my evenings standing in some cold, damp English garden exchanging hoots with a man named Fred!"

Yes, this is a time of year to count our blessings. Here's

another one: Thanks to science, we may soon have a new, mutant Christmas tree. I have here an Associated Press article, sent in by many alert readers, about a plant scientist at the University of California at Davis who has isolated a certain gene from a fish that glows in the dark.

It will be a Christmas tree that glows in the dark. Isn't that wonderful?

No, it is not. I speak on behalf of every person who has ever attempted to put a Christmas tree into a Christmas-tree stand, only to wind up on the floor, covered with sap and thousands of pine-needle stab marks. Because the Christmas tree is the most vicious predator in the entire tree kingdom. You know how sometimes hikers disappear in the forest, and their decomposed bodies are found months later, and the authorities blame it on "exposure"?

Did you ever stop to ask yourself: Exposure to what? I'll tell you what: Christmas trees. They travel in packs and can strike like lightning with a variety of weapons.

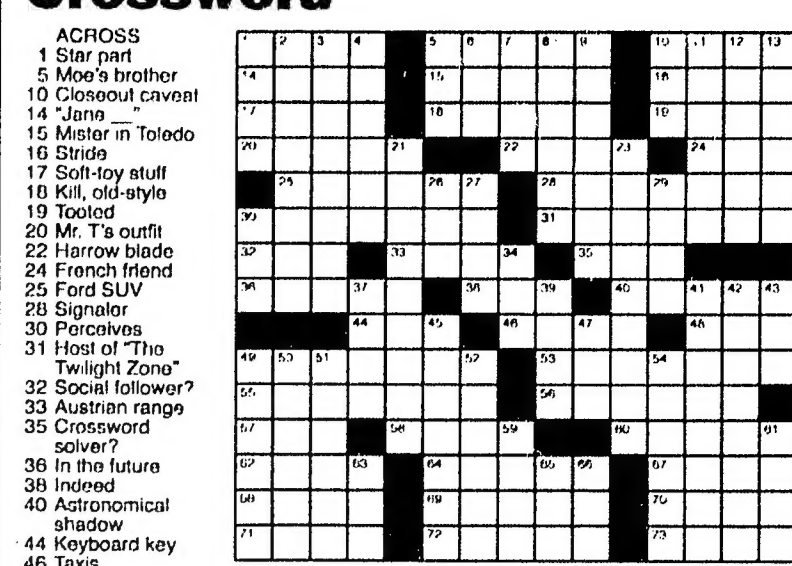
FIRST CORONER: What do we have here? SECOND CORONER: It appears to be another victim of "exposure." Take a look at this.

FIRST CORONER: Wow! I've never seen a pine cone there before!

But as dangerous as Christmas trees can be in the wild, they are far more deadly when you corner one in your house and try to put a tree stand on it.

So here's what I want to know: If scientists are going to impart a new quality to Christmas trees, why would that quality be the ability to glow in the dark? What we consumers want in our Christmas trees is the quality of not poking us in the eye, combined with the quality of not always leading overlike fraternity brothers on intravenous Vodka Night. Isay if we're going to inject genes into Christmas trees, let's take these genes from some rigid, immobile organism, such as Robert Stack.

## Crossword



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## Solutions

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## Sleep is not so sweet. It wreaks havoc on your body and mind. Sleep deprivation robs you of more than a good night's rest

After overwhelming stress from work and school, she spends nights tossing and turning until shooting straight up in a cold sweat, fearing the nightmare that has woken her. She curls in a ball and lays wide-eyed for hours thinking about her busy schedule until she can finally drift back to sleep.

Poor sleep habits in college students often result from juggling school, work and social activities, which can cause stress.

"Stress has a big impact on my sleep. After being up for a couple hours in the night I always feel mentally and physically sluggish the next day, and I just feel awful," Jenny Billings, junior, said.

After mornings of pumping caffeine into the blood stream and evenings of stuffing vast amounts of beer and pizza into the stomach, a good night's rest is unlikely.

Eleven percent of students never feel fully rested, according to the American College Health Association survey in Spring 2006. Lack of sleep in large amounts can affect almost every aspect of a person's overall physical and mental health.

"Lack of sleep increases stress levels and stress effects sleep. Each problem compounds the other problem," said Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services at the University Health Center.

Lack of sleep can produce long-term effects including high blood pressure, lowered immune system and a decreased quality of life such as depression or

lowered self-esteem. Even short-term effects are based on sleep deprivation, such as memory loss, concentration difficulties and automobile accidents.

"Most college kids suffer from sleep deprivation, which is a common lack of total time in bed," said Steven Hull, medical director at Somnitech, Inc., a sleep disorders center based in Overland Park, Kan. "Just one less hour of sleep a night can affect the next day's performance."

After 24 hours without sleep, reaction time is equal to someone being intoxicated above the legal limit. Drowsiness constitutes for 100,000 police reported crashes, according to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Lack of sleep has significant impact on brain and mental functioning, and the body needs time to rejuvenate to get ready for the next day to keep energy levels up," Murr said.

Alcohol can also contribute to disrupted sleep when it metabolizes in the body, which decreases the quality of sleep. Alcohol suppresses the restful stages of sleep, which makes a person feel weak and tired the next day after a heavy night of drinking—also known as a hangover—Hull said.

College students, often depend on that cup of joe or liter of Mountain Dew to keep them going into the early hours of the morning to cram the last bits of information in for finals.

However, caffeine can disrupt sleep up to 12 hours after drinking as it takes five to eight hours to begin to break down in the body, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

"If you drink caffeine at 4 p.m., half the caffeine consumed is still in your system

at midnight, which worsens your ability to fall asleep or stay asleep," Hull said. Eating carbohydrate-filled meals right before bed time can lead to insomnia or sleep apnea.

Sleep apnea occurs when the brain sends signals to the muscles in the airway to relax for breathing during deep stages of sleep to the point the airway relaxes so much it collapses. This causes excessive snoring and difficulty in breathing. To develop good sleep hygiene, establish a regular bed and wake time five days per week. Avoid caffeine at least eight to 10 hours before bed and reduce light and noise exposure right before bed, the AASM advises.

"I know it's hard to tell college students to go to bed and wake up the same time every day because it doesn't fit the college life, but most sleep problems can be solved with a change in lifestyle," Murr said.

If a person still feels sleepy throughout the day, naps are encouraged as long as there is no problem of sleeping at night. "Power naps" of 15 to 20 minutes are most beneficial. However, if a person misses sleep the night before, they are in sleep debt.

Sleep debt occurs when lack of sleep accumulates the longer a person goes without it. A person must commit to a 30 minute nap to make up for lost sleep, but no more or less.

"Catching up on sleep is difficult after missing time to 10 hours," Hull said. "No one can ever truly catch up, which shows just how important good sleep hygiene is."